To: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Re: Public Meeting March 22, 1978

## Gentlemen:

The Skagit County Flood Control Council is of the opinion that the Skagit Valley is vulnerable to severe flooding from the Skagit River and that the existing flood protection is inadequate. The Council feels that a flooding of disastrous proportion is eminent, that flooding of this nature will place an economic burden of grave consequence on all of Skagit County.

Therefore, the Skagit County Flood Control Council agrees that the Lower Levee and Channel Improvement Project proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers is of supreme importance and pledges its support, expertise, assistance, and cooperation to the construction of this necessary, additional flood protection.

That Alternative III as outlined in Public Brochure dated March, 1978, Draft I, is the minimum protection acceptable at this time. That a continuing effort to bring about those proposals which afford the greatest long-range protection for the Skagit Flood Plain for example, further study for additional upstream storage on the Sauk River with a dry flood gate, and further study of the Avon By-Pass, should be pursued.

Sincerely,

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Skagit County Flood Control Council

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