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RE: Technical Conference, Skagit River Hydrology, Skagit County, Washington

Dear Ms Ingram,

We are writing to urge your support to convene a technical conference March 17-18 in Washington D.C. to exchange information and defend technical positions regarding the Skagit River hydrology, focusing in particular on the historic flood events. The purpose of this conference would be to resolve the Skagit hydrology issue if possible; but if not, build a knowledge base among FEMA’s technical experts and staff about the issue.

This proposal/request is supported by Skagit County, the City of Mount Vernon, the City of Sedro-Woolley, the City of Burlington, the Town of La Conner, Dike District 1, Dike District 3, Dike District 12, Dike District 17, and Dike District 22.

Local jurisdictions have committed to help pay travel and per diem expenses for consultants and independent experts participating in the conference.

We ask your help to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Senator Kevin Ranker  
40th Legislative District

Representative Dave Quall  
40th Legislative District

Representative Norma Smith  
40th Legislative District

Senator Mary Margaret Haugen  
10th Legislative District

Representative Barbara Bailey  
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