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COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Bud Norris
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Skagit County Courthouse
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Dear Mr. Norris:

This is to follow up on telephone conversations regarding the November 6 election in which a majority of Skagit County voters expressed opposition to the sale of bonds for the local share of the Skagit River Levee Improvement Project.

As you know, the Senate Public Works Committee had inserted into S. 730, the Omnibus Water Resources Development Act of 1979, a provision authorizing the Skagit River project. In light of the election outcome, and at your request, we have asked the Committee to delete the provision before the bill is sent to the full Senate as Skagit County does not now have the financial resources necessary for the required local share.

It is our understanding that the Board intends to pursue alternative flood control measures. We will be pleased to be of assistance here in Congress at such time as the Board has decided upon an alternative and has gained the necessary local support and funding. We must note, however, that Congress traditionally authorizes local public works (e.g. flood control) projects in a single comprehensive bill, and such bills are enacted infrequently. It has, for example, been several years since Congress has enacted such a bill and, therefore, should S. 730 be enacted it will likely be some time before new projects are considered again.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Henry M. Jackson *Warren G. Magnuson*
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cc: Mr. Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner
Mr. Howard Miller, Commissioner
The Honorable Al Swift, Member of Congress

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