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Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for your recent letter in behalf of the Skagit County Flood Control Council regarding flood control protection in the Skagit Valley. I really appreciate having the council's comments.

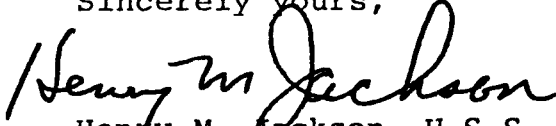
First, let me assure you I share the council's concerns for adequate flood controls to protect life and property in the Skagit Valley. As you know, several projects have been completed and others, including Lower Levee and Channel Improvement Project, are underway.

The House currently is considering legislation to designate the Skagit River and its tributaries under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. One provision adopted in committee would allow for a dam on the Sauk River if it were proved to be the most cost-effective method of flood control. There also is a provision to allow for rip-rapping along the Skagit to protect farmland.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which I chair, will consider the Skagit legislation after the House completes action. Be assured I will be keeping the council's positions in mind.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,


Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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