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The Honorable Al Swift
United States Representative
1511 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Swift:

The Skagit County Flood Control Council, comprised of the Diking and Drainage District Commissioners of Skagit County, the Skagit County Engineers' Department, and the Conservation District of Skagit County, is vitally concerned with flood protection for the Skagit Valley.

The Skagit County Flood Control Council supports the Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvement Project authorized by Congress in 1966.

Since 1966, considerable development has taken place in the Skagit Valley up to the City of Sedro Woolley. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' studies now show that a cost effective project, with a higher level of flood protection from the mouth of the Skagit River up to the City of Sedro Woolley, is now feasible.

With the Sauk River inclusion into the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the possibility of upriver storage as a means of flood control is very remote. With the loss of this means of flood protection, the Levee Project is the last acceptable flood protection available. It is now very necessary that legislation be prepared and passed in this session of Congress authorizing the Skagit River Levee Channel Improvement Project to extend from the mouth of both forks upstream to the City of Sedro Woolley, Washington and to authorize the higher degree of protection now proven to be cost effective.

Your assistance in accomplishing this authorization will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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SKAGIT COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL COUNCIL

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