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Director, Office of Columbia River
State of Washington, Department of Ecology
15 W. Yakima Ave, Ste 200
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Subject: Water for America - Basin Study Program – Yakima Basin Study Proposal

Dear Mr. Sandison:

We are writing to express the City of Yakima's support for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Ecology's Water for America - Yakima Basin Study Proposal. The Water for America Basin Study Program would provide substantial funding for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project 2009 Work Group efforts to develop a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Implementation Plan for the Yakima basin.

Yakima is a large city centrally located in the Yakima Valley. Support of the agricultural industry through manufacturing, supplying and providing a work force is a major economic engine in Yakima. Conditions that will be brought on by climate change are causing us focus on securing an adequate future water supply to provide for our economic survival and to meet the needs of our citizens.

We look forward to participation on the 2009 Work Group and engaging in the implementation planning process.

Sincerely,

(signed)
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