

October 28, 2021

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cantwell and Murkowski,

On behalf of the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA), I write to express our strong support for S. 2306, the “Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act of 2021.” Our membership greatly appreciates your continued support of hydroelectric power generation, and we share your vision for supporting and enhancing this vital carbon-free resource.

As you know, NWPPA is an international trade association comprised of 155 consumer-owned electric utilities in the Western United States and British Columbia. NWPPA’s members include rural electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and people’s or public utility districts in Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Canada. These utilities employ approximately 20,000 people and serve approximately 5 million customers.

Hydropower is the foundation of the Northwest region’s energy supply and is a vital component of our nation’s clean energy generation portfolio. As such, we strongly support this bill as it would create a 30% clean energy tax credit to support upgrades at existing hydropower dams for dam safety, environmental improvements, and grid resilience enhancements. Importantly, the bill includes a direct pay option, which would allow municipal and cooperative utilities to take advantage of the tax credit.

We commend you for introducing this legislation and appreciate your sustained efforts in support of hydropower as a zero-carbon, renewable resource. Please do not hesitate to reach out to NWPPA and its members if we can be of further assistance to you in support of S. 2306.

Sincerely,



Scott Corwin  
Executive Director

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The Honorable Don Young  
United States House of Representatives  
2314 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Young,

On behalf of the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA), I write to express our strong support for H.R. 4499, the “Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act of 2021.” Our membership greatly appreciates your continued support of hydroelectric power generation, and we share your vision for supporting and enhancing this vital carbon-free resource.

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Scott Corwin  
Executive Director