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Steven J. Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing to express my support for a fair resolution to the residential exchange issue. My position is straightforward-- all ratepayers should get some benefit from the federal hydropower system administered by the Bonneville Power Administration. This is especially important in Oregon where 75% of ratepayers are served by private utilities, rather than public utilities.

I feel strongly that there must be a resolution to the residential exchange issue before the ROD goes into effect and that a proposed settlement meets standards of fairness. First, the residential exchange value must be fair. The 9TH Circuit Court did not require the value of exchange be less than the amount parties agreed to several years ago. In addition, an unfairly low exchange value could create a transfer of wealth from Oregon to Washington and from individuals to businesses. Second, the deal must be fair overtime, taking into account inflation. And third, the settlement must reflect the complete absence of benefits for most of the region's citizens since June 1st 2007.

I look forward to an open process as BPA moves forward on addressing the residential exchange issue. Please feel free to contact me for any additional comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Diane Rosenbaum
State Representative
House District 42