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“Politeness if Powerful” ~ Peggy Oki, cetaceans.org / Origami Whales Project.

While we urge you to be firm in requesting the immediate breaching of the 4 Lower Snake River dams, we also encourage you to be polite and respectful.

Please send one letter (the most impactful option) or email to your Congressperson (Representative).

Dear Representative [Insert name]

I write to respectfully urge you to take immediate action to support the breaching of the four lower Snake River dams this November. This is a crucial step to save the wild salmon and the Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW), both of which are critically endangered and running out of time.

Thanks to the current administration's efforts, we are closer than ever to a solution. NOAA's recent findings make it clear that breaching these dams is the only way to prevent the extinction of the wild Chinook salmon and the Southern Resident Killer Whales that depend on them. With only 73 Southern Resident Killer Whales remaining, the situation is dire.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the US President have the authority to proceed with breaching the dams. I urge you to support and advocate for the immediate drawdown of the Lower Granite Dam reservoir in November, followed by the removal of the earthen berm in December. The Corps has been prepared for this since 2002 - it is time to act.

The Biden administration's recent report acknowledging the ongoing harm these dams have caused to Tribal communities reinforces the urgency of this action. We cannot afford further delay. The endangered wild Chinook salmon and Southern Resident Killer Whales are running out of time. When they're extinct, hope is lost; when endangered, hope remains.

Sincerely,
[Sign your name and address]