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Brent Foster, Executive Director  
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Re: Sole Source Aquifer petition to the EPA for the Troutdale and Unconsolidated Alluvium Aquifer System

Gentlemen,

My wife and I have lived in Vancouver since 1989, and believe that we must protect our most precious resource water. I ran for Mayor in the city of Vancouver in 2005, I became aware of the many issues in the city of Vancouver and Clark County. The most important at this time is protecting our water. I have asked everyone I know to support this effort because we live on that resource and it must be protected.

Water issues and water rights are extremely important for health and sanitation. As the population increases and annexation issues are on the horizon we must protect the most important form of life not only for people but also the animals that share this space. It is a resource that cannot be taken for granted. If you were to ask the citizens of Vancouver if they wanted more development or clean water, the overwhelming answer would be clean water. Since we depend on it protection is the only choice. It has to happen at this time to protect future generations that will live here.

The only way this can happen is if the EPA designates as a Sole Source Aquifer. Time is getting short for a decision in this matter. If projections are any indication our population will almost double by 2010. Imagine, over half a million people living on the water they consume! It needs protection. For more information please visit the following web site and support the effort. <http://www.rosemerena.org/groundwater.php>.

Do it for your kids and grandkids. Foster a Future for Families in Vancouver and Clark County. Don't just say the words support the effort. Send a support letter to [dvija@pacifier.com](mailto:dvija@pacifier.com) and EPA Coordinator Martha Lentz

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Sincerely,

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PS Do it today! My thanks to all in this important matter.