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To Whom It May Concern:

Columbia Riverkeeper supports the Rosemere Neighborhood Association's (RNA) work to protect water quality in the City of Vancouver and Clark County. Columbia Riverkeeper has worked closely with RNA over the last five years and we are consistently impressed by their persistence, tenacity, and attention to detail. This is particularly impressive for an organization run primarily by volunteers after work and on weekends. RNA knows the water quality issues in Vancouver as well as anyone, and has been an effective voice for clean water.

An important avenue of advocacy used by RNA is Clean Water Act citizen suit enforcement. RNA's recent Clean Water Act enforcement action against Clark County will ensure that Clark County complies with state and federal laws designed to protect human health, fish, and wildlife. We believe these enforcement actions provide an important check against improper actions. In particular, RNA's recent enforcement action focuses on stormwater, which is a major source of pollution in the Columbia River Basin.

We encourage you to support RNA's efforts.

Please give me a call if I can further assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett VandenHeuvel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Brett VandenHeuvel
Executive Director