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March 10, 2025

The Honorable Tawna D. Sanchez  
900 Court St. NE, H-273,  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Willamette Falls Trust

Dear Representative Sanchez:

On behalf of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWS or Tribe), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Willamette Falls Trust's (WFT or Trust) request for the state to fund the acquisition of PGE property on the west side of the Willamette River, including Moore's Island and the surrounding uplands. This investment, working with the Trust, will ensure restoration of this critical historic landscape that has been impaired by 150 years of industrialization, and will finally provide public access to the Falls for generations of tribal members and Oregonians to come.

The CTWS is the legal successor-in-interest to the Indian signatories of the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, dated June 25, 1855, 12 Stat. 963 ("1855 Treaty"), which reserves sovereign rights in the waters, lands, fish, and wildlife in the Pacific Northwest, including the Columbia River basin and its tributaries, such as the Willamette River. In our 1855 Treaty, we reserved the right for our members to take fish at all usual and accustomed areas as our people have done since time immemorial. We also have treaty-reserved rights to hunt and gather cultural foods throughout our aboriginal lands.

The CTWS have exercised these rights at Willamette Falls since time immemorial. Our ancestor's footprints line the trails from the Columbia plateau to Willamette Falls and throughout the Columbia Basin. Generations of our peoples gathered, time and time again, at the Falls for cultural purposes and to access and harvest our First Foods. This area remains and will always be a vital and sacred usual and accustomed fishing area of the Tribe.

The State of Oregon holds a remarkable opportunity to support the Trust's member tribes through the acquisition of the Moore's Island property, as well as provide for the thousands of Oregonians who will be drawn to the site in the years to come. We are pleased to join the other tribes of the Willamette Falls Trust, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, to support the Trust's request.

We stand proud of our inter-tribal collaboration and the tremendous impact it will have in restoring Indigenous presence on the landscape. Our shared vision for the site provides space



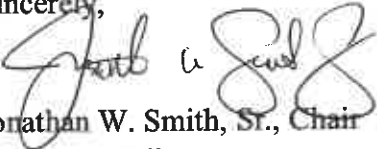
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where all our histories and truths can be told and will enrich awareness of our traditional connection to these lands. The State's investment and reclamation of this site will also guarantee that all Oregonians and visitors have access to and enjoy the beauty and grandeur of Willamette Falls.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan W. Smith, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Jonathan W. Smith, Sr., Chair  
Tribal Council

cc: Willamette Falls Trust