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Washington State Senators and House Members  
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RE: Office of the Chehalis Basin Board's Capital Budget Recommendation for 2019-2021

Honorable Members of the State Senate and House of Representatives:

As the Mayor of the City of Hoquiam, I am writing to share my support for the Office of Chehalis Basin Board's \$73.2 million Capital Budget for 2019-2021 which is critical to the community and economic development of Grays Harbor.

The City of Hoquiam, along with local, tribal and state leaders played an active role in the planning and development of the projects included in the budget request that will considerably reduce flood damage and restore critical habitat for aquatic species.

Highlights of the budget request include the following:

- Construction of the first phase of the North Shore Levee Project in Aberdeen and Hoquiam. This flood reduction project benefits over 3100 property owners who collectively pay \$2.3million per year in flood insurance. The levee project is nearly 6 miles long and will provide significant flood protection, flood insurance savings and economic benefits to our local and state economy. The project is currently under final design and permitting, with an estimated total construction cost of \$78,000,000.
- Aquatic restoration spanning as far as 10 miles over 5 separate areas throughout the Chehalis Basin.
- Completion of the state and federal EISs on the proposed flood retention facility near the headwaters of the Chehalis River.
- Beginning the implementation of basin-wide community flood assistance and resilience programs to provide technical assistance and grants to local jurisdictions for priority property protection actions.
- Finishing the Aquatic Restoration Plan to detail the long-term investments needed in habitat restoration to improve Chinook salmon population levels.
- Completion of the long-term capital investment strategy to prioritize the actions needed to reduce catastrophic flood damage and restore species habitat.

The Chehalis Basin Board, working through the Chehalis Basin Strategy has finished 80 projects since 2012 that enhance aquatic habitat and reduce flood damage. The State has excellent momentum, generating results that make a difference in our communities.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Dickhoff  
Mayor