



January 13, 2010

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Dear Mr. Parrish:

Thank you for your letter regarding Energy Northwest's license renewal application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a 20-year extension of Columbia Generating Station's operating license. I view this as a significant event.

As the state pursues cleaner energy production, it is my position that Columbia should continue to be part of our power mix along with other alternative energy sources. Nuclear power is one of very few energy resources that can produce large amounts of electrical capacity, on demand, without harming the environment. With the projected increase in the regional energy consumption, it is crucial that Columbia – the Northwest region's sole nuclear power facility - should remain a significant producer of clean energy to support our growing communities.

Extending the life of Columbia is important to Washington's economy. In addition to payments of valuable tax revenues to the state and municipal governments, Energy Northwest is a large employer, providing full-time, professional-wage employment to over 1,100 workers from Packwood to the Tri-Cities who, in turn, generate significant economic activity throughout our state.

I am proud to support your efforts to pursue Columbia's license renewal.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bruce Chandler in cursive.

Rep. Bruce Chandler
15th District State Representative

Handwritten signature of David Taylor in cursive.

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15th District State Representative