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Dear Senator Murray and Representative Larsen:

We appreciate your vision and support the effort that both of you have put forth to build coalitions to present S2565 and HR 4844 commonly known as the Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2002. Critical areas and wilderness ecosystems are of particular concern to the members and supporters of FOGH (Friends of Grays Harbor) as many of these people depend upon their rigorous protection for their livelihood.

FOGH is a broad-based 100% volunteer tax-exempt 501(c)(3) citizen's group made up of crabbers, fishers, oyster growers and caring citizens. The mission of FOGH is to foster and promote the economic, biological, and social uniqueness of a healthy Grays Harbor estuary. The goal of FOGH is to protect the natural environment and human health in Grays Harbor and vicinity through science, advocacy, law, activism and empowerment.

Wilderness area and function are critical for people, fish and wildlife habitat and as such provide the economic benefits that support the fishers, crabbers, oyster growers and caring citizens who rely upon clean water, sandy ocean beaches, healthy wetlands, estuaries and wildneress ecosystems.

Sincerely,

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