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Representative Les AuCoin
444 Lori Lane
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Dear Representative AuCoin:

It was twenty years ago - November 17, 1986 - that President Reagan signed the National Scenic Area Act. In honor of the twentieth anniversary of this occasion, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your contributions to preserve the spectacular landscape that is the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area and to support compatible economic development in the region.

Due to your dedication, hard work and vision, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area remains a place known for its unparalleled scenic beauty, cultural resources, and incredible diversity of plants and wildlife. Indeed due to your efforts, the area is a regional, national and worldwide treasure.

The Columbia River Gorge is a spectacular area that retains its wild character and beauty, yet is home to thousands and appreciated by millions. Thank you for your foresight and determination to protect the Columbia River Gorge; a treasure for generations to come!

Sincerely,

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Hiles!