



American Rivers

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The Honorable Les AuCoin
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative AuCoin:

The 99th Congress turned out to be a fine one for river conservation, with over 500 miles of rivers protected in some way and \$11 million dollars appropriated for conservation activities.

We at American Rivers are tremendously appreciative of the role you played in that, by sponsoring the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area bill. Your initiative made the critical difference in getting this nationally significant river area protected.

We want to say a special thanks to your staff member Kevin Lynch, who was well informed, helpful and consistently accessible under pressure during the final days of the session. Kevin deserves our tremendous gratitude.

As the 100th Congress approaches, we are already thinking about a major agenda for rivers - something like "100 rivers in the 100th." We will be talking to you and your staff about our proposals and hope we can count on your support.

In the meantime, many, many thanks for your leadership on rivers this year.

Sincerely,

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Vice President &
Conservation Director