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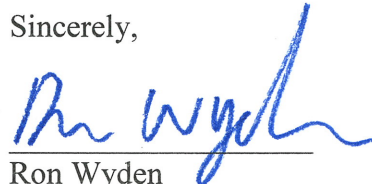
Dear Mr. Doherty;

As you may know, on October 2, 2019, I sent a public letter requesting Oregonians nominate rivers in Oregon worthy of being added to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers list. Since then, I held multiple open-to-all town meetings specifically on the topic of river conservation attended by hundreds of people. In sum, I have received feedback from nearly 2,500 Oregonians, who, together, made over 15,000 nominations.

Based on these nominations, I plan to introduce legislation that adds additional river and stream segments in Oregon to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers list, with the goal of protecting drinking water sources, enhancing recreation opportunities, reducing wildfire risks, and conserving fish and wildlife habitat for future generations. While my staff and I are working to finalize text, please feel free to share with me any of your river nominations or specific concerns or suggestions from the Association of Oregon Counties.

Following introduction, I am committed to continuing to work constructively with all Oregonians to address concerns and make edits to the legislation before passage. I look forward to hearing from the Association of Oregon Counties and to working together to conserve Oregon's special places, and, in the words of our late Governor Tom McCall, to improve Oregon's "livability and quality of life."

Sincerely,



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