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January 22, 2019

Senator Brad Hawkins 107 Irv Newhouse Building PO Box 40412 Olympia, WA 98504

Re:

2019 Capital Budget Funding Request of \$2,013,000 for the

Wenatchi Landing Sewer Extension Project.

Dear Senator Brad Hawkins,

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners request your support in considering the funding request for the Wenatchi Landing Sewer Extension in the amount of \$2,013,000.

The funding of this project will benefit the constituents of Chelan and Douglas counties, local government agencies, and support regional economic growth. The location of the Wenatchi Landing Sewer Extension project is situated within an area of expansive growth and development with direct highway access. Sewer extension to this area will promote the envisioned regional economic growth and prosperity through development of tourism/recreational destinations as well as access to a variety of commercial and hospitality businesses.

Phase 1 of the sewer and road expansion for the Wenatchi Landing area is to serve development south of US 97. Installation will begin at 29th Street NW along Empire Avenue ending at 35th Street NW, currently planned for County road construction in 2019. Future phases of the project will extend sewer and road development north of the Odabashion Bridge.

The coordination and planning of this project has been ongoing for over 4 years, involving the Port of Douglas County, Douglas County Sewer District, City of East Wenatchee, and County Transportation Land Services. Also instrumental in the planning of this project are the Douglas County PUD, the East Wenatchee Water District, the Eastmont School District, the Douglas County Fire District, the Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District and other utility and service providers.

The Wenatchi Landing Sewer Extension project, at a cost of \$4,026,000, will provide a vital urban service to promote multi-county economic development yielding measurable economic and fiscal benefits for the local communities as well as Washington State.

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A Master Site Plan/Sub Area Plan, a Planned Action Ordinance, and an Economic Model for this project have already been completed and are available upon request.

Tangible benefits of this project include a mix of temporary "construction impacts" as well as "permanent impacts" in terms of tax revenues, fee revenues and employment. The project area is planned to consist of retail, office, commercial recreation, mixed use multi-family, recreation/tourism-related uses that could generate approximately 7,000 jobs, and anticipate a return of \$9.00 to over \$156.00 for every dollar of public investment.

We look forward to partnering with you to promote economic development that will benefit the Chelan and Douglas Counties.

Sincerely,

Douglas County Commissioners

Kyle Steinburg

Marc S. Straub