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April 9, 2007

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Dirksen
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

RE: HR 1285 Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act

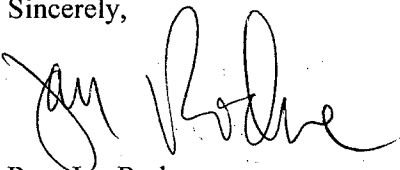
I am writing to urge your support in sponsoring a companion bill to HR 1285, known as the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act. HR 1285 would provide for the conveyance of a parcel of National Forest System land in Kittitas County, for the purpose of construction of a new fire and rescue station. I offer my full support for this legislation.

Currently, Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue (SPFR) serves the community with 24 volunteer EMT and fire fighters. The department averages about 300 calls per year and 84% of the incidents are from non-tax paying residents.

Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue currently resides in a building that is about 80 years old and is in need of constant repair. SPFR does not have the resources to purchase the land for this desperately needed new fire station. By providing SPFR with this parcel of land, it will allow for construction of a new fire station without disrupting current rescue operations. The new location is also more centrally located, which will decrease response times to emergencies.

Again, I respectfully ask you to consider sponsoring this important piece of legislation in the Senate. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to the final outcome of this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Rep. Jay Rodne
5th Legislative District

Cc: U.S. Senator Patty Murray
Chris Caviezel, Chairman, King and Kittitas Counties Fire District 51