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Senator Maria Cantwell
Senate Office Building
511 Dirksen
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act (HR1285)

Dear Senator Cantwell:

On behalf of Kittitas Audubon, I am writing in support of the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act. When enacted, this legislation would set the ground work for a badly needed Fire Station.

The Fire Station would serve a community of 350 full time residents that grows to 1,500 during ski season. More importantly on a busy weekend, the ski area may see up to 20,000 visitors a day and the local Interstate 90 may have up to 60,000 vehicles pass through the small community.

Many of the houses located at Snoqualmie Pass are directly adjacent to Forest Service or other public lands. A new fire station would allow faster access to house fires thereby reducing the likelihood that it would spread onto precious National Forest land.

I urge your support of the Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Gloria Baldi, President

cc: Senator Patty Murray
Representative Doc Hastings
Representative Dave Reichert