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Councillor Geoff Young, Board Chair  
Capital Regional District Board of Directors  
625 Fisgard Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 Canada

RE: Capital Regional District Core Area and West Shore Wastewater Treatment Program

Dear Councillor Young:

Thank you for briefing the Washington State Department of Ecology Director on the progress the Capital Regional District (District) is making with its plans to implement secondary sewage treatment. I am delighted to hear that the District is moving forward with its plans and that we may look forward to completion of this most important wastewater treatment project.

The coastal waterways of the Salish Sea straddle both our countries and are very sensitive ecosystems. We all must be mindful of the impact of wastewater and stormwater discharges to these important ecosystems and the role these ecosystems play in supporting the economy of this region. I have made a commitment to restore Puget Sound to health by 2020 and the District's project will greatly help in that effort.

I am extremely impressed with the extensive resource recovery that you are considering in your secondary treatment program. It also reinforces the commitment that the state of Washington and the Province of British Columbia have made to work together to reduce greenhouse gases and achieve a sustainable environment.

I am confident that by the end of 2016, when your project is completed in Metro Victoria, it will be an excellent example of sustainability for both the United States and Canada.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire,  
Governor

cc: Dwayne Kalynchuk, Project Director, Wastewater Treatment, CRD