

**Washington State
Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety**

PO Box 47250
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March 28, 2003

The Honorable Patty Murray
Senator
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Office of Pipeline Safety Sponsored Public Forum in Bellevue, Washington

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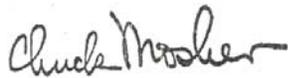
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Senator
U.S. Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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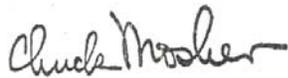
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Representative
U.S. House of Representatives
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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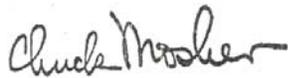
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U.S. House of Representatives
308 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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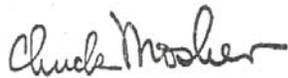
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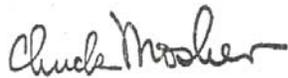
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