



**National Trust for
Historic Preservation**
Save the past. Enrich the future.

April 27, 2015

Dear Chair Clem and Members of the House Rural Communities, Land Use and Water Committee:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. We wholly endorse approval of SJM 10, urging Congress to designate Willamette Falls and the surrounding area as a National Heritage Area and to appropriate necessary funds to repair and reopen the Willamette Falls Locks, thereby opening the entire Willamette River to navigation for commercial and recreational use.

In 2012, the National Trust selected the Willamette Falls Locks as a National Treasure. National Treasures are beloved places that reveal the richness and diversity of our shared American story. These irreplaceable historic places, landscapes, and neighborhoods reflect our past and have the potential to enrich our future, but they are endangered as never before. That is why the National Trust for Historic Preservation has launched coordinated campaigns to help save them, taking direct action that leverages our significant preservation, advocacy, legal, marketing, and fundraising expertise.

We are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local partners to see the Willamette Falls Canal and Locks repaired and reopened for regular use for commerce, recreation, and tourism. Complimentary to this effort, we also promote National Heritage Area status for the region.

We encourage your adoption of SJM 10 and look forward to working with you to ensure that the Locks have an active and productive role in the future of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy M. Sigler".

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