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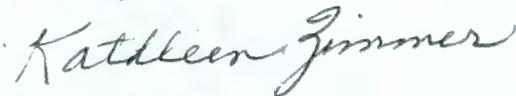
Dear Mr. Ferns:

This letter will be brief, and hopefully, to the point. I want to speak in support of maintaining the Hanford Reach area for future generations of Americans and urge your department's adoption of the "Preferred Alternative" through the EIS process. Hanford has been preserved because of nuclear threat in the past and it is appropriate, should full clean-up and restoration of hazardous materials be accomplished at this site, for this region of our beautiful state to be preserved in its natural state.

Although I am a member of the Nature Conservancy of Washington and often agreed with their ideas and goals, I am foremost a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the state of Washington. I love country and state equally well and want the best of our land kept in a state most desirable for humans, animals and plants. Please note that our land is an immeasurable treasure. Should we fail to honor its natural beauty, we most certainly will lose it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your willingness to be open to my perception.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Zimmer