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Dear Elliot,

While I cannot be there in person, I wanted to be sure and extend my congratulations as you are sworn in as the new Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration. The BPA has been an essential part of the Pacific Northwest and a cornerstone of the Northwest economy for more than 75 years and I'm confident it will continue to be so under your leadership. BPA faces many challenges: responding to an increasingly complex energy market, guiding the renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty, reestablishing its credibility with veterans and their families, and rebuilding its hiring system, among others. I know that you place the highest priority on ensuring that it will meet those challenges.

I strongly support BPA's independence as an agency, but with that independence comes an obligation to meet its responsibilities, not just to its customers, but to the many communities who depend on BPA to be a good steward, whether they are veterans, employers, Native Americans, regional energy companies, or citizens of the region.

I believe you are the right person to lead the BPA and to provide much-needed stability as the agency works to get back on its feet. You have the experience in the energy sector to help guide BPA into the next 75 years as a reliable, low-cost provider of electricity and electric transmission services for the region. And you have the skills to work with the region's utilities, wind farms, and other energy producers in support of lasting regional solutions to wind integration, treaty negotiations, and other energy issues.

I look forward to working with you and the many dedicated, hard-working employees at BPA who have made, and will continue to make, the lives of all of us here in the Pacific Northwest better and brighter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator

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