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Dear Legislator:

The Spokane River is a valuable part of our community. Inland Empire Paper Company understands the importance of the river as well as the efforts needed to establish and maintain water quality standards. Adequate funding is crucial to our community's efforts and so I am writing to urge you to support the \$800,000 funding request for the Spokane River Toxics Task Force.

The Toxics Task Force is a collaborative effort by environmental leaders, local and state agency representatives, and businesses to devise a science-based, direct-to-implementation design for remediation and reduction of PCBs in the Spokane River. As a primary member of the Task Force, I can attest that it has already made significant strides in developing innovative and efficient means of identifying sources of toxics and reducing the presence of PCBs.

The Task Force partners are contributing significant time, money and resources to identifying the sources of PCB's and are working toward implementation of cleanup efforts. We cannot accomplish our mission without additional assistance, however. Municipal and Industrial dischargers have contributed approximately 50% of all funding towards this evolutionary project and need the State's assistance to continue our efforts.

Please support this \$800,000 funding request. It is crucial to all who live, work and play in our river.

Sincerely,

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