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Mr. Jason Spadaro
Broughton Lumber Company
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Bingen, WA 98605

Dear Jason:

The Stevenson Business Association (SBA) recognizes the direct benefits to Skamania County and the Columbia River Gorge with the approval of the Broughton Landing Development. Therefore, please accept this letter of support on behalf of the SBA.

We understand that over 250 full-time jobs will be created during construction alone, with 60 ongoing positions available during operation of the resort. These jobs will help mitigate the high unemployment rate in Skamania County. The boost to our local economy through increased visitor spending (estimated at \$8 million annually) along with the increased property and hotel/motel tax revenues will have a significant impact.

The Stevenson Business Association is excited about future opportunities provided by the Broughton team by building this development. This project will not only expand Skamania County's tax base and create jobs but will also improve the scenic beauty of the area by replacing a dilapidated mill site with a world-class recreation resort.

Good luck in your efforts to gain approval for this very important addition to Skamania County.

Sincerely,

Joe Schlick
Stevenson Business Association