



October 2, 2006

Mr. Jason Spadaro  
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Dear Jason:

On behalf of the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter offering full support of the Broughton Landing Development. The Chamber recognizes the direct benefits to Skamania County and the Columbia River Gorge with the approval of such a project.

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.

As the only county-wide tourism promotion organization, the Chamber 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,

Paul Pearce  
President, Board of Directors  
Skamania County Chamber of Commerce