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Subject: Dam Removal

My name is Stephanie Murad and I'm a resident of Orleans, California. I am writing in concern for the Klamath River, it's water quality, the wild salmon and the communities that build their lives around this river.

I am 100% in favor of removing all 4 dams that are currently placed on the Klamath River. All evidence points to there being a serious continued threat to not only the safety of the quality of the river water but also the health impacts it has had on the wild salmon and people that are exposed to the waters, specifically in the summertime when you'd think people should actually be using the river the most. People can't swim freely in the Klamath River in the summer time without being afraid. This has not always been the case, not even 60 years ago. People can't fish in the Klamath River because the fish runs are so low and the fish are developing diseases at a deathly high rate that normally should not affect fish that are in waters that have proper flow. This is not normal. We do not want future generations believing it is either.

Being raised in the state of Michigan, where there is the largest available source of fresh water in the world, I wasn't exposed to community like the one here on the Salmon and Klamath rivers. There was no efforts toward understanding why the Detroit River is so polluted that you can't swim in it. It seemed almost normal to think this about rivers. Now I understand how precious fresh rivers are to health of fish and people and other species in these ecosystems. I don't wish for the Klamath to become like the Detroit River or ANY river that can no longer support healthy lives. The world needs to recognize that we are part of these waters, the waters are a part of us.

Don't you want your children and your children's children to experience fresh water and be able to swim in it? How good would it make you feel to know you'd be a part of awesome history that rightfully takes out these dams so that the mighty rivers can once again flow naturally, restoring life in the fish and people? You would be able to say you were there, you were helping to make this happen. Because really, it would bring happiness to our communities and yours. The future is in our hands to make the best of it for all, not just some farmers that truly haven't been on this land since the beginning and disregard other's wellbeing for their own personal selves. We know the effects of these dams on our waterways now. History has proved it. Our scientists are proving it as I type this.

Please, do the right thing and help remove the dams on the Klamath River so that our country may shine in Inspiring ways for other counties to admire and wish to reflect. This is for ALL of our livelihoods and our children's. Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone