



May 22, 2023

Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S.
Board of Directors
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Re: Horse Heaven Wind Project – Support for Community and Business Representation by
Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S.

Dear Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. Directors,

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is the fifth largest chamber in the state representing over 900 businesses ranging from sole proprietors to the largest employers in Benton and Franklin Counties. We endorse the representation of Tri-Cities Community Action for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S.) and vest our support for your role in communicating the relevant position of the community in regard to the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

In furtherance of the State's 2021 State Energy Strategy (SES), Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. has been a constant champion for the tenet that "public and community participation is important to ensure energy policy is informed by local knowledge, meets local needs and is viewed as legitimate by the local community." In the limited forum of adjudication, we observe that you present factual articulation of community concerns, ensure local participation, and act as the ideal neutral advocate to identify experts most appropriate to weigh in on this project proposal.

Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S. has been instrumental in informing the public and our business community about the unmitigated implications of the project and ensuring that our voices are heard by coordinating written and verbal comments at each opportunity. As the only approved non-regulatory/non-tribal local intervener in adjudication we support your role in representing the voice of the Tri-Cities region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Mattson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Lori Mattson, IOM
President/CEO