Dear Friends,

For nearly two decades, Crag Law Center has been providing legal aid for the environment and communities across the Pacific Northwest in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Our lawyers represent the people who are directly impacted when our natural resources come under attack. We stand up for their communities and take on large corporate interests and government agencies that do their bidding. Often times that means going to court, but our attorneys also craft innovative policy solutions to emerging problems, or we negotiate settlements with other stakeholders. In short, we provide our community-based clients with legal expertise and muscle to confront the injustices that threaten the places we love. Throughout this work, we educate the next generation of lawyers on how to serve the public interest and secure meaningful change.

Because we respond directly to immediate threats, we have celebrated many memorable victories over the course of our history. But our recent win over the Nestlé water bottling proposal in the Columbia River Gorge is one of the best. This large multi-national corporation had convinced a small municipal government and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that Oxbow Springs should be turned over for privatization. The local citizens in Cascade Locks rallied together in the face of long odds, and with our support drafted a county ballot measure outlawing commercial water bottling operations. We sued when the county refused to allow a vote, and got the measure on the ballot. And then the voters had their say when the measure passed with almost 70% of the vote. Faced with a clear mandate from the local community, Governor Kate Brown finally cancelled the deal!

If this story resonates with you, please read on and learn about our other work across our three main program areas: the Wild, Climate, and Communities. We are defending Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. We are representing young women suing the State of Oregon to take aggressive action on climate change. And we are working with diverse stakeholders from farmworkers to housing advocates to local watchdogs in upholding Oregon’s landmark land use system.

With your support, Crag is rising to the demands of these challenging times. We are aligning with diverse communities in common cause. And we will continue to defend our shared values and work for positive change.

Ralph Bloemers Co-Executive Director
Chris Winter Co-Executive Director
Crag works to protect and sustain the places where Pacific Northwesterners live, work, and play. We advocate for the preservation of scenic beauty, healthy local environments, and livable communities across the region. Crag supports public participation in local decision-making and helps elevate the voices of those most impacted by governmental decisions.

**Defending Communities**

**Land Use**
Crag advocates for communities at local and state land use proceedings, trains grassroots leaders to improve civic engagement, and partners with organizations to find solutions to regional planning issues. In an effort to address equity, diversity, and inclusion, Crag has expanded this program to focus specifically on serving traditionally underrepresented communities in land use planning.

**Environmental Justice**
Communities of color, Tribes, and low-income communities often experience a disproportionate share of the negative impacts of pollution. Crag helps strengthen organizing efforts for these communities by educating and advocating for legal solutions to remedy disparate impacts of pollution. Crag’s first environmental justice case successfully challenged the Environmental Protection Agency’s failure to respond to pollution complaints from the Rosemere Neighborhood Association in Washington under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

**Environmental Health**
Crag works with local residents, tribes, and conservation groups to hold industry and governments accountable for polluting our air, land, and water. We help communities stand up to powerful interests whose actions threaten communities’ health, natural resources, and food production processes. We also advise clients on statewide efforts to reform pollution prevention and control regulations, including encouraging health-based air quality standards to ensure clean air for all Oregonians.

**Coastal Law Project Protects the Oregon Coast**
For more than a decade, Crag has partnered with Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition to ensure that Oregon’s Pacific coastline remains wild and accessible for generations to come. Crag and Oregon Shores carry on the legacy of Tom McCall by protecting one of Oregon’s most treasured resources through outreach, litigation, and science-based education.

**No Offshore Drilling in the Arctic**
Crag represented the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission in successful challenges to permits needed for offshore drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. Crag continues to fight against the unrelenting search for oil that risks degradation of traditional hunting grounds.
From the dry pine forests of Central Oregon to the coastal temperate rainforests of the Tongass in Southeast Alaska, we work with a diverse coalition of conservation clients in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska to advocate for sound forest management, sustainable outdoor recreation, and restoration of native fish and wildlife populations.

Public Lands
We, the public, own much of the land in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Government agencies manage these lands for a variety of uses, and if properly cared for, these lands can continue to provide clean air and water, healthy habitat for native fish and wildlife, and abundant recreational opportunities. Crag works to protect these lands for current and future generations.

Wildlife
Crag works with local, regional, and national wildlife conservation groups to protect the Pacific Northwest’s rare and sensitive wildlife species. From butterflies to wolves and from bumblebees to migrating waterfowl, we stand up for wild animals and their habitat.

Native Fish
The Pacific Northwest is renowned for its native fish populations. Although our rivers and streams once teemed with millions of trout and salmon, today, populations are only fractions of what they once were. Native fish face threats of extinction from rising water temperatures, pollution, dams, and drought. Crag supports efforts to revive native fish populations by working with our clients to maintain healthy aquatic ecosystems across our region.

Mt. Hood Land Trade
The case that started it all
Since 2001, Crag has been involved in efforts to restrict development on the wild north side of Mt. Hood. This battle has involved thwarting attempts to log this precious area, as well as working with environmental groups, developers, the U.S. Forest Service, and Congress to secure a land trade between Mt. Hood Meadows ski resort and the U.S. Forest Service. The land trade would help protect thousands of acres in the Crystal Spring and Cooper Spur area on Mt. Hood National Forest.

Crag Goes to the Supreme Court
In 2006, Crag filed a lawsuit challenging Oregon forestry practices and the discharge of dirty stormwater from logging roads without a permit, in violation of the Clean Water Act. The lawsuit sparked years of debate among Congress, the EPA, states, the timber industry, and conservationists about whether forest roads should be regulated under the Clean Water Act.
Climate Change is today’s most pressing and important issue for the environment and our communities. In some ways, all of the work we do relates to climate change, whether it is preserving forests as carbon sinks, protecting public access to eroding shorelines, or defending species and their shrinking habitat. We take on cases that directly address both the sources and impacts of climate change in the Pacific Northwest.

### Protecting The Climate

**Water Conservation**
Shifting climatic conditions and rapid population growth are increasing pressure on the Pacific Northwest’s historically abundant water resources. Crag works with Riverkeeper organizations, Water Watch of Oregon, and other conservation groups to protect our precious water resources from unsustainable uses, to ensure preservation for future generations.

**Demanding Climate Justice**
As part of an international movement to promote inter-generational justice, our Atmospheric Trust Litigation cases argue that the government has a duty to protect our atmosphere as a public trust resource for the benefit of future generations. Crag represents two young women who are challenging the State of Oregon for failing to take meaningful action on climate change. Crag also represents the Leagues of Women Voters of the United States and Oregon as amici, or friends of the court, in the federal youth climate justice case *Juliana v. United States*.

**Fighting Fossil Fuels**
Fossil fuel export proposals have surged in recent years with the rapid development of coal fields, tar sands, and shale deposits in the Western United States and Canada. If we as a country are to meet our greenhouse gas reduction targets and effectively address climate change, our communities need to move away from all fossil fuels and towards renewable energy. Crag works with coalitions and allied partners to prevent the development of new fossil fuel infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest and to support local climate action.

### Key Campaigns

**Blocking Fossil Fuels on the Columbia River**
Together with our long-time client Columbia Riverkeeper and coalition partners, Crag has successfully fended off multiple proposals to export dirty fossil fuels through communities along the Columbia River, including proposed coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals.

**No Nestlé in the Gorge**
Since 2012, Crag has worked with local residents and conservation groups to prevent Nestlé from privatizing and bottling our public water resources in the Columbia River Gorge. In 2016, Crag supported Hood River County residents in filing a county ballot measure to prohibit commercial bottled water production and to protect water resources. The measure passed by a landslide with 68% of the vote, and eventually led Oregon’s Governor to cancel the deal.

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“Fierce and effective, Crag Law Center wins BIG. Our investments in Crag’s legal service have been leveraged to generate outsized returns for our non-profit partners in the Pacific Northwest.”
- RASHAD MORRIS
  Program Officer, Bullitt Foundation

“Crag provides a massive service for the people of Oregon. From the community level where they’re representing people fighting a single polluter, to the broader level where they’re helping the public get the strongest air quality protections, Crag is there to be the people’s representation.”
- MARY PEVETO
  Neighbors for Clean Air

“I always feel so fortunate if we have the opportunity to work with Crag. Crag’s attorneys offer us clear, rational, level-headed thinking and analysis as well as a deep seated commitment to environmental justice and protection.”
- LISA ARKIN
  Beyond Toxics

“Working at Crag gave me a better idea of what was going on in my community and what exactly could be done to make a difference. I’m really grateful for my internship because that was essentially the experience that gave me the path to my career right now.”
- MCKENNA GANZ
  Development Manager, Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC)
  2015 DukeEngage Intern

“Crag taught me how following your passion and working together with other driven people can help make a positive change for our communities and our environment.”
- KA’SHA BERNARD
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WAYS TO SUPPORT CRAG

Become a Crag Guardian
With an affordable monthly or quarterly donation, you can provide essential ongoing support for Crag’s work to provide free and low-cost legal services for local communities.

Donate stock
Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to Crag. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction.

Make a donation
Every donation to Crag goes a long way. Each year we provide over one million dollars’ worth of legal services and we count on your support to do so.

Make a legacy gift
Crag supports communities working to protect the natural legacy of the Pacific Northwest for our generation and for all generations that will follow us. By remembering Crag in your will, you can make your legacy the protection of our region’s wild and natural places.

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