



December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Members of the House Democratic Caucus,

On behalf of California Trout (CalTrout), a non-profit organization that manages over 60 large-scale freshwater restoration projects throughout the state of California, I write to express our strong support for Congressman Jared Huffman as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

CalTrout's goal is to restore populations of California's native salmon and steelhead trout and preserve California's keystone species for future generations. CalTrout's North Coast Region, which sits within Congressman Huffman's district, currently manages 13 on-the-ground restoration projects with an annual budget of \$6 million.

Since coming to Congress, Congressman Huffman has championed multi-benefit restoration for California's northern coast and played a significant role in several complex water agreements, including the recently completed Klamath Dam Removal Project, of which CalTrout was also a significant party, and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Tribal Fairness amendment, passed as a part of the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act of 2020.

Congressman Huffman's expertise and leadership have made him a key player in the House Natural Resources Committee's ongoing work. CalTrout firmly believes that as the Ranking Member, Congressman Huffman would continue to push the Committee to create and support comprehensive solutions to the Nation's natural resource management and to preserve its resources for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Knight", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Curtis Knight, Executive Director  
California Trout