Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Molalla River Wild and Scenic River Act.

I came to Congress to continue my work on conservation efforts with similar-minded, legislators across the country, to push the green agenda onward and upward.

But today, we have heard concerns that increased regulation would negatively affect industry and private landowners.

This is simply not true.

On November 5, 2009, the Congressional Budget Office reported that “The affected segments, which total about

21 miles, are already protected for wilderness values, and the proposed designation would not

significantly affect the way they are administered.”

We protect these beautiful, powerful, and spiritual landmarks for our children, so that they may know the great lands of our lifetime.

If we dare disrupt these natural treasures, we will forget why we have protected them in the first place.