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Jay Ball, Board Chair
Columbia County Rural Library Board of Trustees
111 S. 3rd St.
Dayton, WA 99328

Dear Chairman Ball,

On June 30, 2023, Ms. Jessica Ruffcorn presented a petition to dissolve the Columbia County Rural Library District to the Columbia County Auditor's Office. The petition contained 186 signatures.

Our office commenced the signature verification process on July 19, comparing addresses and signatures on the petition to those stored in VoteWA, the Secretary of State's official voter information database.

To meet the ten percent threshold for sufficiency, as referenced in RCW 27.12.320, the petition needed at least 107 valid signatures from qualified voters (those registered to vote in the unincorporated areas of Columbia County). We found that the petition contained 163 valid signatures from qualified voters, and thus, reached the threshold for sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Hutchens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Will Hutchens,
Columbia County Auditor