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Georgetown Arts and Cultural Center  
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Seattle , WA 98108

Dear Environmental Protection Agency

The Cleanup of the Duwamish River is near and dear to our hearts . Most of us live and work locally and are invested in this neighborhood in various ways. Some of us own homes, businesses and are active in our local community councils. We want to have a river that all people can enjoy and a river that will also attract commerce to it so that this area can continue to thrive.

We want all our voices to be heard today in order to make this cleanup the very best cleanup we can. We will support a more expanded cleanup of the river because we believe that doing it right the first time will benefit the community the most.

The Georgetown Arts and Cultural Center strongly supports the DRCC proposal for cleanup. Here are key points that we hope will be the final decision for cleanup.

We support the process as listed below:

- Remove all highly and moderately contaminated sediments from the river thru new technology dredging.
- Kick start the recovery of low-level contaminated sediments with a thin layer of clean/enhanced material.
- Integrate and enforce continual pollution source control efforts in the final EPA cleanup order.
- Minimize the need for fishing advisories and ensure that efforts to prevent fishing are culturally appropriate and don't further harm people's health.
- Establish a Pollution Prevention and Mitigation Fund until cleanup is complete and health standards are met.
- Hire local!

We thank you for considering this proposal and look forward to a cleaner and healthier River for all. If you wish to contact the Director or any of the Instructors or artists at the GACC , please contact [director@georgetownartcenter.org](mailto:director@georgetownartcenter.org).

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