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As a salmon biologist, and someone very concerned about the future of salmon in the Columbia Basin, I was shocked at the way Senator Craig orchestrated the defunding of the Fish Passage Center (FPC). For the 16 years I have worked in the basin, I have come to rely upon the knowledge and expertise of several members of the FPC staff. I want to see the FPC remain as an independent entity so I can continue to rely upon them in the future. This means that the FPC should not be split up, nor should it be housed at BPA or the Northwest Power Planning Council where it will be subject to political pressure. Instead, it should be administered by state and tribal fishery agencies so that they can get the data they need. This data and analyses should also be made readily available to the public. The FPC should continue to carry on the task of independently monitoring and analyzing fish passage in the Columbia Basin.

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