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County Executive Pete Kremen
Whatcom County Council Persons
311 Grand Ave. 98225
Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave.
Bellingham, WA 98225

Subject: Change in Urban Growth Area

Dear Pete Kremen, County Executive & County Council.

I wish to express my displeasure with the proposed changes in the Urban Growth Areas. Over the last 3 years many of us citizens have attended many area planning meeting and thought we were participating in the planning hearings. We the working people do not have extra hours to waste chasing these hearings. We are trying to earn a living and pay our taxes. It seems to no avail, this is why people like me do not trust our government very far. This is bad.

Many of us have purchased a few lots or a couple acres as a retirement supplement to our social security when that time comes. We rationed our spending for this land and at times the payments were not easy to make. We have paid many thousands of dollars over the last 20 years in taxes on raw land. I've by now paid more in taxes on my land than I paid for the land.

Now that I'm ready to retire, you want to take away the value of my land. Shame on you and the County Council. This is why people are joining the Anti Land Grab Groups to fight this unjust land grabbing.

I'm old enough to remember when the county and city accepted the first federal grant for expanding the city services. The wording in the grant was to develop a system that would serve North to the Smith Rd. and South to the Chuckanut Creek area.

Please do not down grade our zoning without compensation.

Sincerely;



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