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Planning Commissioners,

Here in Whatcom county, salmon runs are dwindling, unpredictable weather threatens our crops. Homes, fields, workers, tourism and public health suffer from increased forest fires all around us. Things will not improve unless we work to prevent further degradation of our environment and protect natural resources and our communities. We are facing unprecedented climate change and are at a critical juncture for action.

I hope you recognize the urgent need to reform county code so that Whatcom County is empowered to reject projects that unreasonably threaten the health and safety of people and ecosystems, and ensure that existing industries are held accountable not to increase hazards, but rather invest in upgrades that reduce pollution and risk while creating jobs. In your review of the proposed amendments, we will appreciate that you listen to public input, engage in open dialogue and promote transparency in the remainder of the public review process for these important legal protections.

Thank you for your volunteer service to our communities.

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