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Dear Planning Commissioners,

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--that are vital to the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives here--and ensure that existing industries are held accountable not to increase hazards, but rather are expected to 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. We must take care of our resources, economy, and community members so that all will be healthy and prosperous for generations to come.

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