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CITY OF MONROE

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Dear Monroe City Planners,

Since 1938 our family has been involved in the agricultural pursuits of the Skykomish Valley. We have watched the highway and subsequent developments push into a highly rural and agricultural area. As you contemplate the rezoning of the East Monroe Property we encourage you to review the impact this will have on the farming community.

Over the generations, the urban development has continued to expand and Monroe's expansion has swallowed up many previously productive agricultural lands. There is continued availability for the future of Ag production in the areas that lie outside of the natural physical boundaries of Monroe.

Countless times over the years, the resounding comments from friends, family, and strangers have been in regards to what a beautiful location this is to live, raise a family, and farm. These comments would not be heard if we continue to expand the city areas and push out into the farmland that provides these picturesque scenes. Wall to wall developments do not promote agricultural pursuits. Each time acreage is swallowed by development the future of agriculture in this area is reduced.

Fertile ground, good for growing, is difficult to find outside of flood plains. It is disconcerting to see that this flood plain farm land is even being considered for rezoning and development.

As we watch our grandkids grow –up in this scenic and agriculture based valley we implore you to reevaluate the impact the rezoning of this 43 acres would have on the future of agriculture in this valley.

Respectfully,



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