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Attn: Melissa Sartorius, SEPA  
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806 West Main St.  
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RE: Comments for East Monroe Comprehensive Rezone

Having just heard about this rezone request, I have not yet had an opportunity to read the 300-page document regarding the environmental impact. I did however spend three years attending public meetings on the Highway 2 improvements and listened to the Washington State Department of Transportation list all the reasons why Highway 2 could not be expanded to accommodate additional traffic lanes, which would be an obvious requirement of any commercial setting for this property.

There is already a record of ever-increasing traffic on Highway 2 and extending retail East of Monroe brings an additional traffic burden that the road cannot accommodate. Because of our involvement in trying to get a left turn lane installed at 245<sup>th</sup>, (which has been a life saver, literally, for residents who live off highway 2) we were introduced to many to studies and documents provided by the Department of Transportation, all of which made clear that expansion of Highway 2 is not likely. You simply can't move the railroad or the river.

The second factor that should be considered seriously is the impact of the fill required to accommodate a commercial setting, which will significantly change the water table impacting the surrounding properties.

Monroe does not need a location for one more gas station as the gateway to our City. We hope that the Commission will continue to keep the zoning of open space. Please decline this application for commercial rezoning.

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