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February 11, 2014

Mr. Gary Davis
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Whatcom County Planning and Development Services
5280 Northwest Drive
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RE: Proposed amendment to Whatcom County Code regarding rural lot clustering standards, in response to the Growth Management Hearing Board's January 23, 2014 Order (#11-2-0010c).

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for sending Growth Management Services the proposed amendments to Whatcom County's development regulations that we received on February 5, 2014, and processed with Material ID No. 19988. Commerce Growth Management supports the county's proposed amendment to delete the exemption currently allowed in Whatcom County Code Section 20.36.310. As proposed, the code language would provide for greater long term protection of rural lands and rural character.

If you have any questions or concerns about our comments or any other growth management issues, please call me at 360.725.3045 or email me at joyce.phillips@commerce.wa.gov. We extend our continued support to Whatcom County in achieving the goals of growth management.

Sincerely,

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Growth Management Planner
Growth Management Services

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