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**PETE KREMEN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

September 17, 2009

Pete Kremen
Whatcom County
Executive Office
311 Grand Ave. Suite 108
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I own 40 acres on Shintaffer Road, parcels 405113-336102 and 405113-200099. The property was purchased approximately 4 years ago as an investment for the future. All the reasonable research was done – wetland delineation, survey, zoning history within long term UGA etc. prior to purchase. In January of last year, the property was appraised by Gustafson and Associates using the current zoning criteria and a bank loan was put in place, which reflected the standard loan value ratio. If proposed changes in the UGA are adopted and an R-10 zone is imposed, the loan value ratio will be considerably skewed, resulting in an additional financial burden in these tough times.

Furthermore: The majority of the property is in the Birch Bay watershed and, in recent studies, was determined to be an area suitable for future development.

The property is in the Birch Bay water and sewer district service area.

The property is adjacent to proposed GC and UR (4) zoned areas.

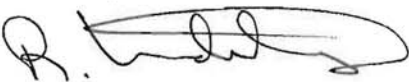
The property is currently UR (4) within the Blaine long term UGA.

The property is not suitable for agriculture.

I ask you to consider this property a viable area for potential growth within the next ten to fifteen years and zone it accordingly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dick Vandenberg