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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed Foothills Subarea plan and the recommendations presented by a majority of the members of the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee (FSPAC). Please include my correspondence as part of the public record in this matter.

As a citizen and resident of the foothills residing in the Columbia Valley UGA, I feel very fortunate to have had an opportunity to participate in the process. It is a difficult task to find the balance between managing our growth and shaping the future of our community in a manner that will continue to protect our natural resources and encourage a viable economic mechanism, essential services and amenities for the people who have chosen to call this portion of East Whatcom County their home.

As a member of the committee in service to my community, I could not have made informed decisions without the input and participation of so many local residents who attended meetings and workshops to inform us of their goals and vision for the area and without the expert guidance of the consultant Studio Cascade.

After almost two years of deliberation and research, I am confident that the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan will provide the necessary opportunities that the community needs to preserve our quality of life in the rural areas and to address the ever increasing pressure of a growing urban population in the Columbia Valley UGA which currently houses over 60% of the region's population

In Closing, I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of County Planning and Development Staff who assisted the committee throughout the process to facilitate consistency with the intent of the Growth Management Act and our County Comprehensive Plan to ensure the committee's recommendations would be viable solutions that would strike a balance between the vision expressed by our community and the requirements set forth by statute.

Respectfully submitted and with kind regards,

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