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Dear Whatcom County Planning and Development,

**I am writing to you today in hopes that you will support the Minority Report of the Sub Area Committee, support a full EIS, and please consider revoking the UGA status of the Columbia Valley.**

I have lived in this remotely beautiful and tranquil area for the past ten years. We make our home in the Peaceful Valley community. We love it here. I work as a teacher at Kendall Elementary and am very concerned about the possible building of over 700 homes in my backyard.

I am very concerned and troubled by the amount of traffic that will increase if this building occurs. I am very concerned and troubled by how it will affect my water supply and clean air.

Our economy will not support the livelihood of 700 additional houses and most will not be able to afford daily transportation back and forth into Bellingham. I don't understand who you think will be purchasing these homes.

I have thought about this long and hard and would recommend and support a more upscale project, perhaps multi-million dollar homes on very large lots surrounding a golf course, as a possible retirement community. Have you considered this in your projections?

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Thank you for all of your hard work and efforts thus far. Please do not close your eyes to re-thinking this issue. Please support the minority report of the sub area committee and support a full EIS. Please do the right thing and revoke the UGA status of the Columbia Valley.

Deepest regards,

Bette Mitchell