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My home is directly across the Berthusen Road from the proposed building site at 675 Redwood Road. We purchased our property because of the location, being close to town, schools and work but in the County where it has been relatively quiet. We have a great view of Mt Baker and we would like to build a home on our parcel.

My primary concern with the project is the height and size of the proposed building. When we purchased our property it was with the understanding that whatever was developed across the street would be limited in height, I ask that you not make exceptions to height restrictions that are in place for this parcel. The impacts of a building of the proposed size will be extremely detrimental to the views and the feel of the entire area.

Another significant concern of mine is the impact on drainage for my property and for the area in general. The ditch along the Berthusen Road fills to capacity and struggles to keep up with a heavy rain or snow event as is. The City has done a good job of maintaining the ditch itself (mowing & clearing snow) but I am concerned about future flooding issues if this project is allowed to move forward. I expect the project will add significantly to existing drainage challenges.

Other concerns I have for the project include implications for traffic in the area and potential smells, odors, noise and bright light that the pet food facility might generate. I ask that you consider the impacts of all of these in reviewing the proposal and any information that can be provided on these issues will be appreciated.

Thank you in advance,



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