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Public Comment in Support of Councilor Lucy Lauser

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To: ben@ci.stevenson.wa.us

Dear Stevenson City Council,

My name is Sasha Bentley, and while I live in Klickitat County, my community ties and relationships extend deeply into Skamania County. I'm writing in strong support of Councilor Lucy Lauser.

Lucy has consistently shown up for this community — whether it's cooking meals for neighbors, advocating for our LGBTQ+ youth, volunteering with local organizations, or bringing passion and knowledge to her role on City Council. I've seen the impact of her leadership and her heart for this community across both counties.

What's happening to her right now — the harassment, the online vitriol, and even physical assault — is horrifying, and in my eyes, deeply unjust. The backlash she's facing for a peaceful act of protest feels less about the protest itself and more about who she is. That should concern all of us.

Being visibly trans in a small town takes immense courage. Supporting someone who serves your community with integrity should not be controversial.

I urge the council and community members to stand behind Lucy, not just because of this moment, but because of all the work she's done — and continues to do — to build a more inclusive, connected, and compassionate community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sasha Bentley
Klickitat County Resident

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