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Fireworks Ban

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City Council Members,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, having just learned of it, to discuss a fireworks ban. But I would like to share my thoughts and concerns with you and I appreciate the time to read this email. While my wife grew up in Stevenson, it is only in the last couple of years that we have relocated here permanently. I now live here and run it from Stevenson as well. I am continually amazed by the amazing place we are privileged to live in. And I am afraid for it.

Record temperatures and the rise in catastrophic weather events certainly gives me cause for concern about the future. And, while I have always loved fireworks, I can't see my way clear to the risk they present. I bought some with my son for the 4th and then very next day got word of the Tunnel 5 fire and watched the devastation that wre: close neighbor of Underwood. We are patrons and friends of a number of the local wineries and I was so happy for them that they came through, but at what cost? Ter: lost and there was tremendous cost involved in fighting that fire. And the damage will last, much like the damage from Eagle Creek I can still see from the home office I write. If not for fortunate timing, favorable winds, and an abundance of available firefighters, much that I love could have been lost and many more lives could have been forever.

Fireworks are a wonderful and memorable way to celebrate and commemorate, but letting people set them off unsupervised and not always thoughtfully or aware of potential fire is simply too risky anymore. I support municipal displays that are done by professionals and under control of local fire personnel but I would urge the Council to consider a ban on the sale and use of consumer fireworks in Skamania county going forward. I, myself, will be safely destroying what I bought and not buying again. Please consider the health and safety of us all and do the right thing.

Thank you for listening.

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