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Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County Executive
Whatcom County Council
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
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Subject: Support for the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office

Dear County Executive Satpal Sidhu,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office as they continue their crucial work in our community. Over the past months, I have observed significant positive changes brought about by the Medical Examiner's Office, which have had a profound impact on the well-being of our community.

Since January 2022, the Lummi community has experienced a remarkable level of professionalism and care from the Medical Examiner's Office. I have personally witnessed their prompt and responsive communication with the Lummi Nation, which has been vital in sharing important information about concerning trends. This open and transparent dialogue has fostered a sense of trust and collaboration between the Medical Examiner's Office and our tribal community.

Moreover, the Medical Examiner's Office has consistently conducted thorough death investigations, providing comprehensive forensic pathology services. Their commitment to excellence and attention to detail have been evident in their work. I have been particularly impressed by their deep respect for tribal traditions and their genuine efforts to accommodate tribal requests and requirements. This level of cultural sensitivity has been a testament to the Medical Examiner's Office's commitment to inclusivity and equity.

In light of these observations, I firmly believe that the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office is an invaluable resource for our community. Their dedication to professionalism, responsiveness, and cultural sensitivity has had a positive impact on the well-being of the Lummi community and the broader Whatcom County population. I wholeheartedly encourage you to continue supporting their important work.



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider my support for the Whatcom County Medical Examiner's Office as you make decisions regarding their future. If you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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