

WHATCOM
*Family
Farmers*

*Preserving the legacy and future of family farming in Whatcom County
by unifying the farming community and building public support.*

February 20, 2024

To: Whatcom County Planning Commission
From: Fred Likkel,
Executive Director, Whatcom Family Farmers

Dear Whatcom County Planning Commission:

After careful review by our Board of Directors, Whatcom Family Farmers is recommending approval for the site specific change to allow a propane tank facility at 5996 Lawrence Rd.

Propane is an integral part of many farming businesses here in Whatcom County, and the businesses involved, Northwest Propane and VanderYacht Propane, have been an integral part of our farming community for many years.

Whatcom Family Farmers supports careful planning for our Ag Zones in Whatcom County, and appreciates the care given to insure that Ag Zones are protected from uncontrolled development. However, in this circumstance the property in question has already provided great benefits to agriculture in its previous state as a facility to make processed grain for local animal agriculture. Transitioning it to a facility that will equally benefit our farmers is only a positive for the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely:



Fred Likkel
Executive Director Whatcom Family Farmers