

November 14, 2025

Re: Whatcom County Health Board

Honorable Councilors Jon Scanlon and Mark Stremler,

We want to take this opportunity to thank both of you for presenting differing opinions on a proposed change to the make-up of the Whatcom County Health Board.

The mayors of the six small cities have discussed this matter and feel that we, along with the rural citizens of northern Whatcom County, would be better represented using the current makeup of the Health Board.

The current system of a Public Health Advisory Board to the Health Board is a good system that does not need to be updated or improved. There is a broad spectrum of individuals on the Advisory Board that can give good advice to the Health Board. We feel it is important that the Health Board be elected representatives.

Thanks again for advocating for your various positions.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Steward

Mayor of Blaine

John Perry

Mayor of Everson

Greg Hansen

Mayor of Ferndale

Scott Korthuis

Mayor of Lynden

Kevin Hester

Mayor of Nooksack

Bruce Bosch

Mayor of Sumas

cc: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Kaylee Galloway, Whatcom County Councilor District 1

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