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To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the County Council is meeting on July 30th to decide how to deal with
"exempt wells" in light of the Growth Management Hearing Board's decision
on Futurewise's 2012 rural Element challenge.

Domestic wells on rural property are currently exempt from state regulation. Enforcing
this new decision will cripple property owners in Whatcom County. The costs of dealing with this issue will add enormous sums to the cost of development and housing.

There are other ways to deal with protect water quality of residential wells that pump less than 400 gallons per day. The county needs to look at the impact this will have on
housing costs as well as jobs in our county.

The housing market has been depressed and is only now starting to show signs of improvement. Property owners have in some cases delayed projects due to market conditions and financing issues. Now they are looking at requirements that will make some
properties too expensive to justify construction.

County property owners and employers cannot take more regulation and still flourish.

I urge you to appeal this decision and take the time to explore alternative ways to protect
water sources. Drilling of exempt wells needs to be continued.

Thank you for your consideration,
Diane Hansen