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Dear Hearings Examiner,

I am a resident of Yelm. Living in this area for about 10 years and prior to that traveling here from the mid-west for about four years. I live here because of the pristine waters, TREES, air, climate and FAR away from the cities that are crowded and polluted. I am writing to support the Yelm Commerce Group and their effort. Their commitment to "responsible growth that is in keeping with the size and rural nature of our community" is my voice.

I moved away from the big box stores, cement parking lots, pollution, noise, and crowds. I PICKED THIS LOVELY AREA FOR NOT HAVING THAT! THIS IS AMERICA, WE STILL NEED CHOICES. LET OTHERS LIVE IN AREAS WITH THESE STORES. LET US KEEP OUR CLOSE TO THE LAND, NATURAL, FAMILY OWNED STORES JUST LIKE THEY ARE!

I LOVE WHEN I GO INTO YELM (AND I DO 90 TO 100% OF MY SHOPPING IN YELM OR RAINIER EVEN THOUGH I WORK IN OLYMPIA). I AM QUICKLY ASSISTED, GET WHAT I WANT, QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED, AND KNOW THE PEOPLE BY THEIR FIRST NAMES. THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY LOVE THE AREA AND WANT TO BE HERE. THEY GO HOME AT NIGHT AND IT IS IN YELM.

I DO NOT GO TO STORES IN OTHER CITIES, WHERE THOSE EMPLOYEES OFTEN RUSH TO GET OUT OF THE CITY AND GO HOME.

I WANT TO HAVE PROGRESS IN OUR WONDERFUL AREA. YET, WE DO NOT HAVE TO LOOK LIKE EVERY OTHER CITY AND LOSE OUR BEAUTIFUL BUSINESSES. I DO NOT WANT TO LOSE OUR CREATIVE AND SENSIBLE STORE OWNERS THAT SERVE THIS AREA SO WELL.

PLEASE KEEP OUR NISQUALLY RIVER THE WAY IT IS! BIG BOX STORES ONLY ADD TO THE POLLUTION. PLEASE KEEP OUR SMALL CITY, EXACTLY AS IT IS...QUAINT, PERSONABLE, FRIENDLY, HELPFUL, PEACEFUL, AND PRISTINE! Do not let big box stores, cement parking lots, and the pollution AND HARM THEY BRING TO NATURE come to our area!

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