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Good morning, Adam:

Please find attached a letter from Christine Langley, Lopez Island, in support of reducing the size of Ag Resource parcels down from 10-acres during the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update.

Best regards,
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12 July, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to testify to the fact that small parcels of land in San Juan county are capable of hosting highly productive agricultural enterprises. I began my farm business in 1995, and it has been my full time occupation and source of income for the last 20 years.

I grow a diversity of produce on about 1 acre of land, and in 4,000 square feet of greenhouses. Over the years my market outlets have been solely here on Lopez, and have included the Farmers' Market, a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), restaurants, grocery stores, caterers, senior services, individuals, and the food bank.

These new times illustrate more starkly than ever, the importance of a resilient, local food system. Small scale food production can feed our communities as well as provide countless additional environmental, economic, social and cultural benefits. Government has the opportunity and responsibility to acknowledge and support this kind of small business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Langley

