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Dear San Juan County Council Members:

Please see the attached comment letter regarding the Annual Docket and Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you.

—Ms. Shaun Hubbard

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**San Juan County Council**

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**Dear Council Members,**

Welcome to the newly-elected of you! I am writing to add my two cents to the Comprehensive Plan discussion. I regret I have not had the time and energy to study all the particulars of the plan – time and energy that matches the passion I feel for protecting the natural resources of the islands. My excuse is needing to spend that time and energy in caring for my elderly mother in Seattle.

My mother was born on San Juan Island in 1925 as a 4th-generation islander in a family of both valley farmers and town business owners. She saw a different island then. I feel fortunate to still have her around to hear what island life was like for her growing up. Much of that beauty and way of life still exist, but they're going fast – within one short lifetime. It's not too late to protect what we still do have, but only if we act now.

For protection of the islands my mother knew, I am in full agreement with the letter submitted to you from Ms. Janet Alderton of Orcas Island. Ms. Alderton made two points about which I am especially concerned and would like to reiterate here:

**Docket 21-000, Build-out Analysis**

I request that the County do a thorough build-out analysis. This basic, foundational knowledge is crucial to establishing all County policies for the future. How can educated decisions be made without this valuable information? Without it we'd just be guessing and, knowing we humans, guessing incorrectly. It's a big job and it's an important job – too important to delay or do half-way. I think of the proverb, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." Let us be the ones to do this – now!

**Drinking Water**

Water is finite. Do we know how much we have? Do we have enough to sustain those who already live here? An adequate water supply is required for those currently living in the islands and for the growth that is projected. How can we know if we are meeting that requirement unless we know: a) how much water we have, and; b) what our projected growth (build-out) will be?

Please place knowledge and protection of our islands' drinking water supply at the top of the list while doing a thorough build-out analysis.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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