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Snohomish County Council Members
Robert J. Drewel Building
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3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Council Members:

I write in support of the Rooted Northwest Farm Project. The project is located on a 240 acre parcel known as Arlington Heights Farm and is zoned R5. The proposal would result in clustering development and preservation of agricultural lands.

My professional career includes many years working in land use and environmental planning, and includes working in support of preserving agricultural lands. Clustering development on a portion of a site, while preserving valuable agricultural lands, as proposed here, is an effective means of preserving agricultural lands and preserving property rights.

Snohomish County has a rich agricultural heritage. Preserving viable commercial agriculture will protect this heritage and the rural economy associated with it. Furthermore, preservation of agricultural lands will support local food production, which is important for sustainability and preparing for climate change.

I urge your support for the project when it comes before the Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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