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Lauren,
Attached is a letter from me. Let me know if more letters would be helpful.

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October 31, 2016

Development Services Department
Attn. Lauren Prentice
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Development Services Department:

I am writing this letter to voice support for and recommend minor changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendment Application submitted by Susan Buchanan. I am a fourth generation farmer her in the Walla Walla Valley. It is my belief that value added agriculture is and will continue to grow as a driving force in ag markets. We are currently processing grain from our farm in the Walla Walla Valley and selling it throughout the Northwest. Currently our operation has our wheat toll processed to our specs by a third party. As we look to move forward and create a greater level of operating efficiency we would like to install a mill of our own. It only makes sense that such an operation would be installed where our storage and operating infrastructure already exist... on our farm. Vertically integrated production and processing on our farm will continue to add value to our product. On farm value added processing keeps money in our community, adds value to the agriculture that we have, and helps to shield growers from volatile market trends.

When approved the amendment put forth will add significant value to agriculture in our community. This amendments positive impact would be significantly magnified if it were expanded to include the PA-40 and GA-20 zones. Our company is proof that value added agriculture works and should be fostered within agriculture zones to increase the viability of family farms in Walla Walla County.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]