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City Council Members
City of Moses Lake
P.O. Box 1579
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RE: **2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendment "Odell Crittenden Zone Change Request"**

Dear Council Member:

I am writing to express concern over the recent decision by the Moses Lake Planning Commission to recommend approval of the Odell Crittenden request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

It is the opinion of the Grant County Economic Development Council that changing the Zoning of 160 acres of Light Industrial Land to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) will significantly reduce the amount of undeveloped light industrial land in the city. There is a limited inventory of light industrial land in the City of Moses Lake at this time and the rezone of 160 acres of light industrial land will lessen opportunity for the development of projects that must be situated in a light industrial zone.

Furthermore, we do not believe that it is appropriate to site residential development in the middle of an already established and partially developed light industrial zone. Residential and light industrial uses are not generally considered compatible in suburban areas and future conflicts between property owners may arise and be difficult to resolve.

We also wish to point out that according to GMA, a community must be able to substantiate population growth projections in order to increase residential designations in the UGA. Moses Lake already has an adequate amount of residentially zoned property available for development.

The Grant County Economic Development Council has a long and successful history of assisting with industrial development. We have assisted with the development of a significant number of projects in the past four years that resulted in a site plan requiring more than a few acres. The change of 160 acres of light industrial property to medium density residential property will significantly lessen the opportunities for future industrial sector development in what is already an existing industrial area.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Lynn Garza
President