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## To Snohomish County Council Members and Executive Dave Somers

### RE Proposed Ordinance No. 22-006

Good Day!

I have lived in Clearview on 5.25 acres for over 34 years and am a Senior Senior (meaning I'm over 75). I am on limited income and have some health challenges. As you all know, inflation is even more severely affecting all of us with soaring costs for everything. That includes the cost of assisted living, which can often cost in excess of \$6000 a month.

Naturally, I want to "age in place" and having an ADU on my property, allows me to choose from different options, depending on my needs, which may include renting out my home for added income or providing housing for on-site assistance or both.

I am very pleased to see the progress that has been made on this issue of allowing a SINGLE attached or DETACHED ADU on rural property.

I have written before and am now adding this letter of support for the newly proposed ordinance, which removes the 100' distance restriction and also allows an ADU on a "substandard" (smaller than 5 acres) property.

Aside from offering more location options, being able to have the ADU over 100 feet away from the primary residence assures privacy and quietude, which are especially important for many Seniors.

As the ordinance states and I concur, "residents in rural areas should have the same opportunity as residents in urban areas to care for aging parents, to support adult children, or to earn additional income that allows them to stay in their existing homes."

It is my firm belief that adding **ONE** ADU *per rural property* does not cause "urban sprawl", while also allowing additional less expensive housing options to renters. Also as stated, all GMA goals have been considered in developing this ordinance and have been balanced consistent with local circumstances.

Please support your rural constituents that LIVE HERE and pass this ordinance into use, so we can move ahead making Snohomish County the best it can be for all it's residents, while helping to address increasing lack of housing, rising housing costs and adding options for Seniors and families..

I am eagerly awaiting the outcome of this Public Hearing and fervently hope that Ordinance No. 22-006 will be passed in it's current more usable form.

Thank you to all that have been working on improving the zoning changes, from the Planning Dept to the Council to the Planning Commission. Your time and effort is appreciated.

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