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Councilman Constantine,

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVAC) strongly supports your proposed **Rural Amendment 3 to the King County Comprehensive Plan Update for 2008**. Thank you for pushing the issue of the siting of large urban-style facilities, such as large schools, in the Rural Areas. As you are aware, maintaining the rural character is critical to our citizens as evidenced by every bi-annual survey we have conducted with voters. Our constituents strongly believe that, large urban-style facilities should not be allowed in the Rural Area. The accompanying urban-type infrastructure, such as arterials, sewer lines and waterlines, etc., is clearly inappropriate in the Rural Area.

In addition, we recommend that your proposal also include "large churches." You might recall the large uproar in the Rural Area a few years ago regarding the siting of these urban-style facilities. Those feelings have not changed. The rationale you cited in your proposal for schools also applies to large churches.

The GMVAC and the citizens we represent wish you give due consideration to our recommendation to include "large churches" in your proposed **Rural Amendment 3 to the King County Comprehensive Plan Update for 2008**. Once again, thank you for addressing this important Rural Area issue.

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