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Ms. Mueller,

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) is an all-volunteer, locally elected advisory body to the King County Council. All sixteen members reside in the unincorporated portion of Tahoma School District #409. We represent ~15,000 constituents.

The GMVUAC advocates with King County, state, and city officials, as well as other organizations, for our unincorporated area's citizens' interests. It is those interests we have in mind as we submit the detailed comments, herein, on the Northern Gateway Study Hawk Property Subarea Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The Hawk Property Subarea encompasses approximately 212 acres located in the northern portion of the City of Covington. It abuts SR-18 on its northwest boundary. It contains both land within the city limits and land in unincorporated King County. The subarea directly abuts the GMVUAC's southwest boundary.

In conducting our review we tasked four of our standing committees--Flood Control/Surface Water Management (Chair: Warren Iverson); Natural Resources/Parks (Chair: Les Dawson); Growth Management (Chair: Peter Rimbo); and Transportation (Chair: Susan Harvey)--to address key aspects of the DEIS. Each committee specifically evaluated potential impacts on our constituents, as well as the mitigations proposed to alleviate such impacts.

Our comments include an interactive Table of Contents for ease of navigation to desired sections/subsections. In addition to a General section upfront, our comments are organized in the following four distinct areas and address the DEIS sections cited in parentheses: Surface Water Management (3.2 Surface Water Resources and 3.10 Utilities--Storm Drainage); Land-Use (3.7 Land-Use Patterns/Plans and Policies); Transportation (3.8 Transportation); and Public Services (3.9 Public Services).

We request you take our comments on the Northern Gateway Study Hawk Property Subarea Draft Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement under your strongest consideration. Thank you.

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