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**From:** Auryel van Gemert <auryelross@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Gwyn Berry  
**Subject:** Re: Snoqualmie Mill Planned Commercial/Industrial Plan PCI 17-0001

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The additional written comments are in place of being able to speak last night. The zoom call quit due to internet connection and was unable to rejoin the call during and after the public comment period.

Thanks,  
Auryel

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**From:** Auryel van Gemert <auryelross@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:30:47 PM  
**To:** gberry@snoqualmiewa.gov <gberry@snoqualmiewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Snoqualmie Mill Planned Commercial/Industrial Plan PCI 17-0001  
March 30, 2022  
City of Snoqualmie  
Office of the Hearing Examiner  
MS Sharon A Rice  
C/o Gwyn Berry  
Transmitted electronically to gberry@snoqualmiewa.gov

**RE: Snoqualmie Mill Planned Commercial/Industrial Plan  
PCI 17-0001**

My name is Auryel van Gemert, former President of the Snoqualmie Community Action Network and a current Climate Reality Leader for Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. I am a lifetime resident of Washington State and have lived in Snoqualmie for 5 years.

I would like to submit additional comments on the above referenced project application. I incorporate my comments in the submittals of the Snoqualmie Community Action Network (SCAN) on March 30, 2022. "No citizen I know wants this development." I was inspired to add to my already submitted comments when this was said at the hearing tonight. It is true and I second this. I live in downtown Snoqualmie and the only people I have heard say they want this development are City of Snoqualmie officials – Matt Larsen, when mayor, Council members James Mayhew, Sean Sundwell (when in office) and Jolyon Johnson. Every friend and neighbor I know, from North Bend, Downtown Snoqualmie, the Ridge and Fall City, absolutely does not want this development to move forward and believes they have no voice in the process.

**This development would forever change life in the Snoqualmie Valley.** Our small-town way of life will be taken from all of us who love it. This is a development that will impact hundreds of homes and families within a very close proximity who have lived a life close to nature. Something like this will ruin 100's, if not 1000's, of community members chosen way of life.

I do not have a document reference, however there is an interlocal agreement between the City of Snoqualmie and King County agreeing that no development will impact surrounding rural areas with light or noise pollution. This development will impact the entire surrounding community with high levels of traffic,

light and noise and displace or kill off the local wildlife including elk, bear, cougar and eagles at a minimum while urban wildlife would move in (addressed in the EIS).

Due to climate change and changes to Snoqualmie Falls, Fall City and downstream flooding issues are devastating. This development will damage the surrounding communities downstream and does not provide for enough mitigation or community input by those effected West of this development.

The DOE designates the site as having the highest level of contamination possible. We need to commit to a future that serves a greater good and considers heavily the impact of climate change on all of us. This site deserves care and remediation before any development can possibly be considered.

We have an amazing downtown that could be reinvested in and an abundance of green space to develop Eco tourism in an already heavily utilized community for outdoor recreation.

I ask that this and any development be put on hold until all environmental issues are resolved, and our rural community's voice is heard and allowed to thrive.

Respectfully,  
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