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Bill Preston, SEPA Responsible Official
Trevor Martin, Planning Manager
City of Yakima
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Dear Mr. Preston and Mr. Martin,

We are sending this letter urging you to prepare a State Environmental Impact Statement for the Yakima Comprehensive Plan 2050 Update. The evidence requiring the need for this impact statement is compelling. The reasons can be summarized in three future developments that would potentially have serious impacts on the lives of residents in East Yakima neighborhoods.

These are:
1. New I-82 Interchange near the Boise Cascade property.
2. The Terrace Heights annexation.
3. Long-discussed major developments in the Boise Cascade property.

We understand that the City may rely on a 2017 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. That would be wrong and misguided. New rules and regulations have been created during the past decade.

While we are sympathetic to those in City government who believe there are already too many regulations to deal with, many of these requirements — such as environmental impact statements — are there to protect the health of residents. This is clearly the case with respect to future developments being considered for East Yakima.

Again, we urge the City to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for the Yakima Comprehensive Plan 2050 Update. It's the right thing to do.

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Thank you for accepting our comments,

Leslie and Spencer Hatton
Residents of the City of Yakima

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