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Alan Thomson Whitman County Planning Director 310 N. Main Street Colfax WA 99111

RE:

Grain Storage Facility: Stay of Proposed Rezone from Agricultural to Limited Heavy Industrial to Allow for a Detailed Conditional Use Permit Review

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Pacific Northwest Farmers Cooperative and McCoy Land Company, LLC ("PNW Farmers") request that the rezone process be stayed. To address the questions raised at the last Planning Commission hearing, PNW Farmers will submit a conditional use permit application and ask that the process be heard by an appointed hearing examiner.

The CUP process will result in considerably more project detail being submitted to the County, along with additional mitigation, which will be available for public review and comment. Once a final CUP is issued, the rezone application will be withdrawn. With our application materials being completed by mid-October, we expect the CUP process to be completed within the next 90 days.

Please let us know if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely

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