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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Mission Ridge expansion project. The expansion would greatly benefit the Wenatchee Valley and surrounding areas because of increased skier visits. It would also increase the job potential in the area. There would be increased tax revenues to the local municipalities. I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Mission Ridge. The existing Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort has been a part of the Wenatchee Valley Community for over 50 years. The Mission Ridge Expansion will provide new recreational opportunities for local and visiting outdoor enthusiasts that the current resort is unable to offer due to site limitations. This includes:

- oImproved access and terrain for beginning skiers

- oNordic skiing and snowshoe trails and improved backcountry access

- oOvernight accommodations

- oNon-skiing activities to engage the whole family, such as hiking and biking trails

- oCommercial uses such as shops, restaurants, and entertainment for the entire family

- oOf the 502 acres, 70% will be left as open space; reports have been provided to the county to show that any adverse impacts to the environment are adequately mitigated.

- oThis project will create jobs, boost our local economy, and improve the quality of life for locals.

- oThe long term sustainability of Mission Ridge will be secure with the approval of this expansion.

- oOutdoor recreationalists of all types will benefit with improvements to access and updates to the existing ski area infrastructure.

- oThe Mission Ridge Expansion Master Plan Resort meets all the general requirements as outlined in Chelan County Code 11.89.040 for a Master Planned Resort.