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Washington State Department of Commerce
Climate Program
PO Box 42525
1011 Plum St. SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Comprehensive Plan – Climate Resiliency Element

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in strong support of Lewis County Department of Community Development's grant application to receive \$135,000 in formula funds for development of the Climate Resiliency Element of the comprehensive plan and implementing ordinances.

HB1181 (2023) requires all fully planning counties, including Lewis County, to include a new Climate Resiliency Element in the comprehensive plan, as well as make changes to zoning designations or development regulations to implement the new goals and policies.

Lewis County has a population of 83,446, with significant growth expected to continue through 2045. In addition to local revenues, these state funds are essential to meet the June 2025 deadline as well as ensure consistency with state laws and regional and local planning policies. The funding is anticipated to fund public engagement in the first year of periodic update and updates to development regulations in the second year of periodic update.

If you have any questions related to our application, please reach out to Senior Long Range Planner Mindy Brooks at mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov or 360-740-2610.

Regards,

A blue ink signature of Sean D. Swope, written in a cursive style.

Sean D. Swope, Chair

A blue ink signature of Scott J. Brummer, written in a cursive style.

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

A blue ink signature of Lindsey R. Pollock, written in a cursive style.

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