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May 24, 2016

Chief William Pernet
North Whatcom Fire and Rescue
4142 Britton Loop Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Chief Pernet:

On behalf of our Whatcom County Council Members, and as County Executive, I would like to thank you for your assistance on extremely short notice to ensure that our community was safe and secure during the Trump campaign rally held at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden on Saturday May 7.

It is reassuring to know that we have friends and colleagues like you throughout the State who would drop your own priorities to assist. I understand there were many who did not have a day off; and others who came in from vacation leave to provide coverage throughout the weekend. Our appreciation goes out to all who worked non-stop from the time we were informed that the decision had been made to go ahead with the event.

I can only imagine the overwhelming list of details that would have had to be met to accomplish the logistics needed. However, you rallied to take care of the public and the task was accomplished without any significant negative events – from all appearances it went smoothly and seamlessly.

We commend you for your efforts, and send you our heartfelt gratitude for this impressive achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jack Louws", is written over a blue ink scribble. Below the signature, the name "Jack Louws" and title "County Executive" are printed in black.

Jack Louws
County Executive

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