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Dear Dr. Mason,

The active staff physicians of Mason County have worked together to discuss and research the current findings relative to the health effect of biomass incineration. After careful review of the current proposals and evaluating the growing body of medical evidence, especially in the last three years, a clear consensus was reached. We have released a no dissention supermajority opinion on August 2, 2010.

The signed petition states the following: We are opposed to the currently proposed biomass power plants based on the grounds that these facilities pose unacceptable health risks.

The attached petition has been signed by the active medical staff. Our concerns have been forwarded to the Mason County Commissioners and the Port of Shelton Commissioners as well as the Washington State Medical Society. This follows similar action taken by the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Florida Medical Society, and the Oregon State Medical Society.

Medical science is, of course, continuously being updated and new research has revealed that current regulations and permitting systems may not be adequate to protect the community health. Community members with a particular interest in the subject have been encouraged to review the American Heart Association article in *Circulation* June 2010: Particulate Matter Air Pollution and Cardiovascular Disease.

We have encouraged community members and officials with questions to contact us for further information. They may do so by calling Dr. Christopher Penoyar at 360-463-6951 or Dr. Mark Schlauderaff at 360-426-2500

Sincerely,


Dr. Christopher Penoyar

attch: Petition from Mason County Physicians

The members of the medical staff at Mason General Hospital state their opposition to the currently proposed biomass power plants in Mason County on the grounds that these facilities pose unacceptable health risks.

Further, the medical staff urges local, state and federal government to adopt policies to minimize approval and construction of new biomass plants and instead promote energy efficiency and conservation with a goal of zero pollutant emissions renewable energy technologies.

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