From: Mike Blade

To: <u>NWS-Skagit-River-GI</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Skagit River Flood Risk Management General Investigation study

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To Whom it May Concern,

Blade Chevrolet, Inc is a locally owned automobile and recreational vehicle dealership located in the 100 year flood plain in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Blade employs over 70 full-time staff and generates approximately \$60million in sales revenue for the local economy annually.

Blade Chevrolet is in favor of the plan put forth in the Draft Feasibility Report plan proposed by the Corps. It is imperative that the area which now is annually put at risk be made safer and it appears that the plan as proposed would do so in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible way.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

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