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Dear Attorney General Ferguson,

Our businesses and residents mutually depend upon the shared, valuable resources that are unique economic drivers to our community: natural beauty, clean environments, and peaceful surroundings.

I am witnessing a private, for-profit company, Fort Discovery Inc., proposing to develop a shooting range near Tarboo Lake that has self-proclaimed intentions of becoming a much larger and louder operation than what anyone would expect to find in our small rural community.

Fort Discovery Inc. has a long history of permitting violations and legal problems with Jefferson County's government, and has been using a string of frivolous lawsuits to intimidate the County's Commissioners and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. It is a bullying move against a small town that doesn't have deep pockets... is this what Washington State wants?

In response, the County recently passed an ordinance that effectively removes any restrictions on developing large-scale commercial gun ranges.

Many people have spoken out at public meetings, begging the County to recognize that we must consider the future rural integrity of our community... we have a local airport that supports smaller types of aircraft and no one would expect commercial aircraft to start landing there anytime soon – **there is a logical respect for proportion, for scale and for intensity... and yet ALL of these are missing from our County's current ordinance on what is permissible at a future shooting range.**

Our County already has a long-established shooting range. It is small scale, recreational, promotes safe training and meets our community's needs. I oppose the permitting of large-scale, privately-owned, commercial gun ranges that operate at the expense of the rural integrity of our county – especially ones which seem to have a full-time legal team ready to sap our local government's already small resources.

Please help us.

Please contact the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners:

County Commissioner District 1 - Kate Dean, kdean@co.jefferson.wa.us

County Commissioner District 2 – David Sullivan, dsullivan@co.jefferson.wa.us

County Commissioner District 3 – Greg Brotherton, gbrotherton@co.jefferson.wa.us

and please contact Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Phil Hunsucker, phunsucker@co.jefferson.wa.us
offering the resources of your office in responding to Fort Discovery's lawsuits.

Thank you for your time and consideration of “the little guys,