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We just closed on a house in the vicinity of the proposed shelter. We chose the beautiful area of Newport for its peaceful, natural beauty. Coming from a smog ridden city, the clear blue skies and emissions free beauty of the natural forest lakes, streams and mountains is what drew us here. We also love Washington as it is at the forefront of leading the United State's mission toward a cleaner planet for future generations. If Canada believed the Smelter is to emit too many harmful substances, Washington should also follow suit. It is a complete contradiction to what this state has been working toward. For personal reasons, I do not want the toxicity of acid rain. Enough emissions to mimic thousands of extra vehicles on the road. Additional train and semi truck emissions for raw materials. Not to mention the impact on our ground water to supply the plant. We can do better for our forests and citizens. Please vote NO against the smelter. Amazon is opening an extremely large warehousing facility in Spokane that will bring thousands of jobs to the area. The nominal jobs the Smelter will create is not worth the adverse affects to the environment and our health. Additionally, property values will decline in the area as many of us who moved here for the pristine, emission-free air will like move and have a hard time recouping real estate costs.