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I write in opposition to the placing of a smelter near Newport, Washington. The pollution of air and earth and aquifer in this pristine region will fall on local citizens who draw much income from agriculture and outdoor activities and on all of us in the broader region, who will also face negative effects on our health and likely increases in utility prices. It is no coincidence that the prospective smelter's owners have provided scarce and vague accounts of the plant's chemical emissions, which will greatly increase smog and acid rain.

The profits, however, we know will be removed to a foreign country by the owners and the job figures that they provide for the plant are ephemeral. Most are in the short-term area of construction, while the long-term ones may be filled by their own foreign workers.

The smelter is opposed by many in the region: the nearby Buddhist monastery, the Kalispel tribe, and many residents.

Please deny this ill-conceived and destructive project.