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To Department of Ecology,

I am a practicing cardiologist in Coeur d'Alene at Kootenai Health and I am concerned about the health consequences of the proposed smelter being considered for Newport, WA.

I understand that it would supply some good paying jobs for the region but I do not think it is worth sacrificing our wonderful air quality and risking the health of our residents. I am sure that you are aware of the numerous studies that have shown a detrimental effect on cardiovascular and pulmonary health from air pollution.

Let us not repeat what happened in the Silver Valley which continues to suffer from the pollution caused by the Smelterville smelter.

Please do not approve this project which will place our residents at increased risk of heart attack, stroke death.

Sincerely,

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