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Dear Washington Department of Ecology,

I am writing as a concerned resident and community member to urge you to select Alternative SL-5 for the cleanup of the former Rayonier Mill site in Port Angeles.

Leaving contamination in place under a cap, as proposed in Alternative SL-3, is not an acceptable long-term solution for our waterfront. While capping may reduce short-term exposure, it does not remove the toxic materials from our community, and it places a permanent burden of monitoring, maintenance, and land-use restrictions on future generations.

SL-5 is the only option that truly protects public health, the environment, and the future of Port Angeles. By excavating and removing all contaminated soil for proper disposal in a licensed facility, SL-5 eliminates the risk of future leaching into Port Angeles Harbor, prevents cap failure or storm damage from re-exposing toxins, and ensures that our waterfront can be safely redeveloped for housing, parks, and businesses.

This site has been contaminated for decades, and our community has waited long enough for a permanent solution. Anything short of complete cleanup will leave us with a toxic legacy and limit the economic and recreational potential of this unique waterfront location.

I urge the Department of Ecology to listen to the City of Port Angeles, local leaders, and residents by choosing SL-5—not as an interim measure, but as the final, comprehensive cleanup our community deserves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Megan Christison
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