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From: Eric Lundquist, 540 North Pine St. Apt.#3 Burlington WA. 98233

To: Carrie Pederson (Toxics Cleanup Program- Dept.of Ecology)

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Dear Carrie:

On Friday January the 11th 2008 I became the victim of a legal scam perpetrated by the Snohomish County Treasurers Office.

At their annual tax auction I unintentionally bid on a piece of property that I believed to be an old house. Before the bidding began I was talking to two other Gentlemen who also thought that the property was the house. When I viewed the area in Darrington it was snowing and there was about eight inches of snow on the ground. Part of the confusion was that the property listed had a physical address without any structure on it.

On Monday January 14th I was shocked to find out that the site I had inadvertently purchased was an old Gas Station with Government Sanctions against it.

I immediately called the Snohomish County Treasurers Office and told them that I didn't want to take possession of the property. Their reply was "it's a buyer beware sale" and that I would have to wait three years to let it go for back taxes. At this point I would like to gift this property over to an organization that has the financial means to clean up this environmental nuisance and prevent Snohomish County from dumping this site on another unsuspecting victim.

Enclosed are letters of outrage sent by myself and friends over the disreputable tactics demonstrated by Snohomish County at their tax sale.

Respectfully yours,

Eric Lundquist
Eric Lundquist

2-19-08

To: Kirke Sievers (Snohomish County Treasurer)

From: Eric Lundquist 540 North Pine St. Apt. #3 Burlington WA, 98233

I am writing you to express my extreme disappointment and displeasure in selling me the Hazardous Materials Site at your annual tax auction.

As a former combat Marine and a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars I have always been very civic minded. My mistake in attending your auction was that I was naïve enough to believe that you as an elected official would exercise some degree in protecting private citizens and make decisions that are morally and ethically correct.

In making a property that has these types of problems available to the public you put hard working tax payers and their families in a possible situation of having to file for Bankruptcy.

I would not be pursuing this issue if I had just purchased a piece of unusable or worthless property. I am curious to know what your thoughts were when putting this contaminated site with Government Sanctions against it, on your list.

I am shocked that these types of business tactics would be used to collect a few thousand dollars. I am also particularly upset that you were aware that the Dept. of Ecology had been obtaining Grant Money in order to have this nuisance cleaned up.

My hope is that through your own conscience or by the persuasion of concerned citizens, or the media, you will refrain from damaging somebody else in the future by selling property with these types of problems.

Sincerely ;

Eric Lundquist
Eric Lundquist

1-22-08

FROM: ERIC LUNDQUIST, 540 NORTH PINE ST. #3 BURLINGTON WA. 98233
PHONE- HM. (360) 856-2789 CELL (360) 941-0330

TO: STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVE QUALL

Dear Mr. Quall:

My name is Eric Lundquist, I am a former student and graduated from Mt Vernon High School in 1972. You might possibly remember me from playing Tackle for the 71 Bulldogs Football Team or being on Joe Murphy's weight mens squad in Track.

I am sending this letter because I recently became a victim in what I believe to be an unscrupulous and deceptive sale of property to me by Snohomish County which has government sanctions against it.. On January 11th of this year,,at their annual tax sale I inadvertently bought a lot which is located in Darrington that I believed to be a different piece of property.

After my daughter discovered that the house I directed her to on Sunday January 13th was not the right property, I went to City Hall in Darrington on Monday the 14th. I was told that the lot I purchased was condemned property by the Department of Ecology and that it was the site of an old Exxon gas station with the old fuel tanks still underground.

Later that day I spoke with Russell Olsen of the Department of Ecology and was informed that I was liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars in environmental clean-up costs. Subsequently on Wednesday January 16th Mr. Olsen called and said that the Department of Ecology would not pursue action against me. Mr. Olsen also conveyed his displeasure for what Snohomish County had done.

The Department of Ecology has been obtaining Grant Money for the town of Darrington to clean up this nuisance that has been sitting idle for many years. The County was aware of this, absolutely no disclosure was made and to further complicate matters the County listed a physical address on this property which hasn't any type of building on it.

My hope in alerting you to this situation is that Snohomish County be addressed and prevented from damaging any other private citizens beyond buyer beware expectations at their future sales.

I fully understand buyer beware but also believe that selling a hazardous material site crosses the line and that those involved in putting the property up for sale should correct this injustice. This property should have never become available to the public.

Now with the burden of never being able to do anything with this waste site I do not wish to take possession of this property. I would like to sign the property back to Snohomish County or to the town of Darrington with assistance from Department of Ecology Representative Russell Olsen contact #(425)649-7038.

Your attention to this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Eric Lundquist

Fred Smith
2861 Hunt Road
Oak Harbor, WA. 98277

February 2, 2008

Kirke Sievers
Snohomish County Treasurer
3000 Rockefeller Ave
Everett, WA> 98201

RE: Tax Foreclosure Auction that was held on January 11, 2008.

Dear Mr. Sievers,

As a friend of Eric Lundquist, I am writing to you concerning a lot located in Darrington Washington, tax #00417300600101 which he purchased at the Tax Foreclosure Sale held on 1/11/08.

After Eric purchased the property he was told by the City of Darrington that the lot contained ground pollution from old leaking underground gas and oil tanks. The city stated that they had declined to accept the property free of charge from the previous owners because of the extreme costs of cleanup. They further stated that Snohomish County had knowledge that the property was unusable for any purpose whatsoever without huge cleanup costs. After learning this, Eric contacted The Department of Ecology and they also confirmed that Snohomish County was well aware of the pollution. They were shocked to hear that Snohomish County had sold the property without notifying the bidders about the underground pollution and contamination.

Mr. Sievers, this transaction should never have taken place. It would have been illegal for a private seller to have done this and the County should be held to the same standard. Although the amount of money involved means little to the county, I know that it is a good portion of Eric Lundquist's savings. I am urging you to step up to the plate and refund Eric Lundquist the money he paid to Snohomish County.

Sincerely,

02-01-08

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Eric Lundquist to whom I am a friend and caregiver to.

Recently Eric mistakenly bought a lot in Darrington at in annual tax sale held by Snohomish County . Mr. Lundquist believed he was bidding on a different piece of property.

The following week Eric was shocked to find out that the lot was on an old gas station site with tanks still underground.

The reason I am writing this letter is that I am deeply concerned about Mr. Lundquist's health , as he has serious medical issues.

On `Jan. 30th Eric had a very poor medical check up. His Doctor said it can be related directly to stress and losing sleep over the huge predicament Snohomish County has put him in. I am attaching his doctors letter.

Mr. Lundquist health is forcing him into early retirement. He attended the auction to make a small investment and never dreamed that the county would sell him a Hazardous waste site. Mr. Lundquist currently works with developmentally and psychologically handicapped children.

I would hope that any County Official would afford responsibility in protecting private citizens from extreme circumstances, such as Mr. Lundquist has been put into.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dallas

**CC: Snohomish County Treasurer
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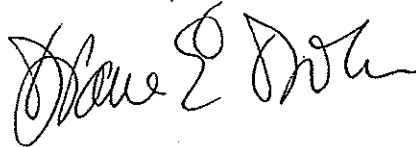
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To Whom it may concern,

Mr. Lundquist has several serious medical problems that can be made worse due to stress. At his clinic visit today his blood pressure is elevated, which can be attributed to stress.

Sincerely,

Diane Doles



Signed by: /es/ DIANE E DOLES
ARNP
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