On behalf of the Stillaguamish Tribe, I would like to extend our support to the Stilly Valley Youth Project to expand and improve recreational and athletic facilities in Arlington, Oso and Darrington.

A key part of the Youth Project is the Arlington Boys & Girls Club which started in 1974 when the city’s population was 2,000. Today, the Club alone has over 2,000 young people serving the entire Stilly Valley. The current facility is too small to adequately serve this many youth and Stilly Valley’s population growth. The Boys & Girls Club staff needs the extra space to provide a wider variety of programs to draw the greatest number of kids each day. The Club does not have a teen center or computer lab and desperately needs a second gym for their large and growing athletic program. Each day kids are doing homework in the gym and teen attendance is impacted because they do not have their own space.

The Arlington Boys & Girls Club has become the hub of the community where it seems the entire Stilly Valley goes on game day. This was the vision when the current Club opened in 1992. Little did we know that the population growth would create this need for expansion.

The Stillaguamish Tribe believes strongly in helping our community and we understand the value of providing positive, healthy activity in a safe place for our community’s youth. The youth have experienced recent devastation in their community and providing these improved recreation and athletic facilities demonstrates our commitment to their well-being.

Let’s work together to make Stilly Valley Youth Project and the expansion of the Arlington Boys & Girls Club a reality.

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