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Karen J Granger	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	Incorporating GMO corn using glyphosate and synthetic fertilizers, into a farming area that has been designated "sustainable and organic" by all parties -- The KC Executive, local certified farm owners -- is environmentally unfriendly, and will defeat the very purpose of the sustainable agriculture movement. It seems this sale was conducted without consideration of these facts, and worse, with no transparency.
Maura Callahan	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-08	My husband & I lease a small part of a farm not far from the Tall Chief land and it is more than disconcerting that after all of our hard work and years of using sustainable practices that we will have a neighbor who does not. And more so that their potential toxins and GMO corn could affect the quality of our own crops. Please do not allow this to pass. You are not following even a fraction of the RFP proposals by allowing a single farmer to buy this valuable piece of public property.
Jane Millar	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-08	Criteria in the RFP weren't met. My tax dollars purchased Tall Chief and as a tax payer, I want the purchase to benefit us all, not a single entity. Sale to Seattle Tilth with its proven history and sensible proposal is clearly a better option.
Gail Richards	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	I favor the proposal of Seattle Tilth for the health of our community and for their positive outreach. Please do not sell to the dairy for a substantial loss. That is a ridiculous deal!
Jon Buchan	Carnation, WA	2015-11-08	GMO is not the future. It's nonsense. Stick with real crops. We're ruining crops for the chance at more \$\$\$, by sacrificing the true meaning of farming.
John DePew	Duvall, WA	2015-11-08	That is far to low a price and the negative effects to the organic farms in the area.
Nancy Coltom	Carnation, WA	2015-11-08	carnation and the snoqualmie valley are habitats for wildlife and salmon that require a delicate balance in Nature. Organic farming is also a very large growing vital part of this area effecting the economy in positive ways. Branding, tourism, trust People, citizens of the area and outside areas care about and value no GMO farming and also fishing swimming hiking. Please preserve this area.
leann solene	Fall City, WA	2015-11-08	I value organic produce not polluted with round up or GMO s and I value our valley as a place of recreation and family safety.
Devon Kellogg	Redmond, WA	2015-11-08	I support sustainable organic agriculture in the Snoqualmie Valley. Please don't allow the pollution of the area or the CSA nearby with harmful chemicals and GMOs..
Peter Gillis	Chimacum, WA	2015-11-08	This sale would be catastrophic to fragile salmon habitat and benefit very few. The county would benefit more if it was converted to small farms.
Gordon Hogenson	Duvall, WA	2015-11-08	This land was purchased by the county for public benefit. It should not be sold at a loss to a private farmer, it should be used for maximum public benefit.

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Marna Marteeny	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-08	I am signing this petition because the Keller Farm proposal does not meet the intent of the RFP and Jubilee Farms was listed as interested in property that they were never asked about. I do not support selling a \$4.5 million dollar piece of land that is supposed to work for the larger good for \$710,000 to one farmer. I support the Seattle Tilth proposal as it meets the aims of the RFP.
Shunbao Chen	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-08	We need more healthy organic food from local farms, growing GMO corns in such a beautiful valley is not a good idea.
Pamela (Silvermoon) Johnson	Fall City, WA	2015-11-08	I oppose the sale of this fertile and Treasured tall Chief land to an entity that is completely out of alignment with vast local sustainable farming practices and who will NOT understand the great need on the planet and in this NW to follow practices that will create a healthier Earth for the next millennium. GMOs are untested and would have to be labeled if it were not for the gluttonous wealth of GMO industry who struggles to hide their secrets. And the WTO has stated that glyphosate likely causes cancer. Our valley is famous for our organic farms Why did Seattle Tilth not get this sale who are in alignment with this community? I request a public meeting to find a solution that is in compliance with our local and very active communities.

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Desirae Dewees	Kent, WA	2015-11-08	<p>The last thing we need is to expand an already well established farm that is not Organic when Seattle and the King County area already have so many farmers who would love the opportunity to create more jobs and more locally grown healthy organic food. Seattle Tilth is a wonderful group who excel at teaching. I personally took part in their program. They helped me find a great place to rent with a wonderful land lord who continued to teach me so much. I recently had to move out of King County when the property we were living on went on the market. I would have loved to buy that historic 5 acre farm however thanks to the pesticide drift from the farm right next door I kept losing rabbits and possibly birds, it took me years to link the sudden change in personality (they became aggressive) and then death to when the neighbor was spraying his field. I even sat back helplessly and watched as one of my cats went into seizures and then paralysis finally dying 12 hours later from something that was obviously neurological. Less than 24 hours later I lost a rabbit that was on the other side of a wooden privacy fence to the same symptoms.</p> <p>We moved onto that property in 2012. As of this spring 2015 I finally put 2 and 2 together and realized the unexpected deaths were connected to the farm next door after they put some kind of white powder on their field to help prep it for planting. Rabbits who had previously been gentle and easy to handle, got along great in colonies and were great moms. Started attacking me, other rabbits and yes even their own kits. They finally settled back down for the most part 5 or 6 weeks later but not till after 4 or 5 sr had died unexpectedly, I also lost entire litters as well as a few of the jr rabbits. Throughout the following summer I lost 1 or 2 more rabbits every time they sprayed something on their field. I have a son who just turned 6 in Oct there was no way I could stay living next door to such a toxic farm and that field was only 2 or 3 acres with another 2 or 3 acres across the street from me. There is now way I would want to be living anywhere near a 30+ acre farm spraying this poison.</p> <p>It saddened me to leave King County we loved living in the Auburn, Kent area. But if this is the direction you wish to go then I don't see how we could in good conscience move back.</p> <p>I still hope to some day purchase a place where I can organically raise food for my extended family as well as a little something extra to help support my family. It would be very helpful if there were a safe poison free farming community where I could do just that.</p> <p>I simply don't want my family eating breathing or otherwise absorbing these toxic pesticides and herbicides (which find their way into the water supply) I also could not in good conscience sell such toxic produce to others, I did try talking to my old farming neighbor and he accused me of being childish and unrealistic for thinking any farmer could ever cut any profit at all without using GMOs and these poisons. I tried pointing out there are farmers out there doing just that and he simply walked away.</p> <p>He never even bothered to tell me when he would be spraying so I could protect my family, All I could do was watch for men in white suits or when he had the sprayer attached to his plow.</p>

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Karen Whitworth	Wasilla, AK	2015-11-08	<p>As a small business owner I respect and acknowledge the Keller family for their time and commitment to farming in this valley. Their devotion and resolve is undeniable. However, after looking into this matter it has been made clear to me that the RFP requirements are not satisfied with this land being used for manure disposal and dairy feed production in the form of corn crop as indicated in the Keller Proposal.</p> <p>Further more, as a resident of this valley, I am extremely concerned about the use of Glyphosate (Herbicide used in conventional farming methods) as it has been recently added to the list of chemicals known by the State of California to cause Cancer. The Keller proposal would introduce more Glyphosate into this low lying property and be impossible to contain at times of high water, contaminating neighboring farms downstream who have made a commitment to refrain from using this carcinogen in their farming practices. That is not the kind of community impact the RFP was looking for.</p>
Marjon Floris	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	"What we do to our earth, we do to ourselves"(chief Sealth)
Marilyn Hanna-Myrick	Bothell, WA	2015-11-08	We do not need factory farms in this location.
peggy loomis	duvall, WA	2015-11-08	I care about the health of people, farmland, and all living things in my neighborhood.
Anthea Hubanks	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	<p>I am signing this petition because I believe the best & highest purpose of Tall Chief land that will benefit the entire Snoqualmie Valley & beyond is contained in the Seattle Tilth Proposal.</p>

I do not understand how King County opted in good conscience to choose the Keller Dairy Proposal over the Seattle Tilth Proposal, which " ... is overflowing with public benefits—a farm education center to train new farmers, a core, 'production farm'" of 35 acres, processing facilities that would be available to local farms and local residents, establishing a food hub to market local organic produce, and an 'open door' policy for local and county-wide citizens wanting to witness local, organic farming in action. On property owned by the County, how can this much public benefit be denied in favor of the private benefit of one farm?"

As well, the King County Counsel's Selection Committee needs to address the fact that Keller Dairy's Proposal FALSELY states that five specific organic farmers had expressed interest in farming the uplands of the Tall Chief. The organic farms Keller Dairy's Proposal named are Jubilee Farm, Sol-to-Seed farm, Changing Season farm, and the Valley Co-op. I have verified with these farms that Keller Dairy's claims are strictly untrue.

Please do what is right and in the best interest of the entire Snoqualmie Valley community and beyond. Rescind King County Council's Preliminary Decision to Sell Snoqualmie Valley 'Tall Chief' farmland to a confinement dairy company that uses GMOs, Roundup, and synthetic fertilizers. Then please return to the King County Counsel's Request For Proposals Guidelines and choose the proposal that most closely meets the guidelines. I believe Seattle Tilth's Proposal meets and even exceeds the stated guidelines and will benefit our community and help educate new organic farmers in a sustainable manner that does not pollute our land and water.

Sincerely,

Anthea Hubanks

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Margaret Craig	Homer, AK	2015-11-08	My niece and her family live and farm there. Organic is important to them, the area, state and world.
Eliza Sinclair	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	Public funds and public land need to be used for the public good!
Monique Chastain	Fall City, WA	2015-11-08	I am opposed to supporting GMO farming practices in my community
Chelsie Hardy	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	GMO corn is bad. CAFO manure is unhealthy. And what a HUGE loss of revenue. Terrible idea.
Kait Teachout	Duvall, WA	2015-11-08	I am opposed to GMO corn being grown in the Snoqualmie Valley! The cross pollination of that corn with the organic non-GMO corn grown in the valley poses too big of a risk! Don't sell out to GMO farming!!!!
Jill porter	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-08	must stop the madness!
Lynn Madison Johnson	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	As a former resident I understand the impact on the area. Seattle Tilth would have been a much better choice for this property.
Amy LaBarge	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	I believe King County can do better than accept this proposal and in turn protect water quality and agricultural resilience in the lower Snoqualmie Valley.
Cheryl Kirschner	Snohomish, WA	2015-11-08	Nothing is honest, good, sustainable, or in line with the RFP just to name a few of my reasons. Who really got paid?
Philip Kirschner	Snohomish, WA	2015-11-08	This doesn't pass the smell test on so many levels unless you consider cow manure and dead fish in the river as good. Sounds like the fix was in already.
Claude Mitchell	Metairie, LA	2015-11-08	It's the right thing to do!
greta hufschmidt	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	This is just wrong.
Carol Flaming	Redmond, WA	2015-11-08	I feel strongly that having an organization such as Seattle tilth having Stewart ship of this property will benefit the entire valley rather than a private family.
Jann Coons	Port Orchard, WA	2015-11-08	I had fibromyalgia for 15 years, researched and went Organic and it was healed in 8 months - NO GMO'S it offends God
Chris Fischer	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	I support the intended use of Snoqualmie Valley farmland as outlined in the RFP, not Keller Dairy's proposal which fails to meet those requirements
Margaret Grate	Fall City, WA	2015-11-08	I believe the RFP for tall chief was not followed and the decision made is not what the people of king county want. The selection committee did not follow complete their obligation and the decision needs to be revisited.
Martha Jackson	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	I buy local dairy milk and organic food, and I want to see local food production supported, not ruined. Growing GMO fields involves dousing with massive amounts of pesticides that will kill off our honeybees and native pollinators, and run off into our waters.
Jeanie Robinson	Bothell, WA	2015-11-08	We need land that promotes the health and well being of the community!
Windy Kirkland	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-08	No No No No!!!
Eric Kapfhammer	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	Unbelievable travesty needs to be checked!
Becky Robbins	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	GMO is not sustainable and this land is sacred.
Leah Cole	Duvall, WA	2015-11-08	I strongly believe in no GMOs.
nathan nesbit	Duvall, WA	2015-11-08	I'm signing because the county should not sell such a resource at so great a loss.
Karen Schotzko	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-08	I would like to see the former golf course managed to benefit the entirety of the Snoqualmie Valley for sustainable food production for people, rather than grow chemically treated GMO and roundup ready corn for cows.
Page Temple	Bellevue, WA	2015-11-08	No to gmo.

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Steven Hall, MD	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-08	I live in the valley and eat organically. The Tilth proposal would be ideal for me and my family.
Kelly Besmer	Sacramento, CA	2015-11-08	I support local farmers and do not want to eat GMO foods or foods that have been smothered in synthetic fertilizers. Seattle Tilth and CSA provide us with much more environmentally friendly, sustainable, and healthy food! We do not need more corn, dairy, and beef in this world!
Wendy Smith	pollock pines, CA	2015-11-08	It's simply the right thing to do to reject GMOs, Roundup and Synthetic fertilizers. Let us look beyond immediate profits towards the healthy future.
Tom Bilbro	Fall City, WA	2015-11-08	I strongly support the original goals laid out in the RFP and don't believe they are in line with the Keller Dairy proposal but are with the Seattle Tilth proposal
Jennifer Christensen	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-08	I do not want the land to be used for conventional farming - all of the pesticides and fertilizers near the river and adjacent to the wetlands would be terrible for the area. The county purchased the land for a huge price tag with public funds and now being sold off incredibly cheap to benefit the needs of a few. There are better options that better serve our community.
Judith West	Carnation, WA	2015-11-08	I'm signing because I am a valley resident and want to preserve this farmland in as pristine a condition as possible.
Margaret Alvarez	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-08	This prime agricultural land should be managed sustainably, and with concern about seepage and runoff of excess manure waste, glyphosphate and fertilizers into the Snoqualmie River and adjacent farmland.
Deborah Spiegelman	seattle, WA	2015-11-08	I am signing because...children's children's children.
Nola Drazdoff	Kettle Falls, WA	2015-11-08	I own property in this area. This is NOT the right use for this land and selling it at a huge loss to a giant landowner sounds pretty fishy.
margo polley	north bend, WA	2015-11-08	I love this valley and believe local, sustainable farming will be a key to our ability to feed ourselves, now and, particularly, in the future.
Roberta DeGabriele	Seattle, WA	2015-11-08	I don't want Round-up Ready GMO corn grown or any other synthetic fertilizers used in this prime farmland.
Melva Wicklund	Bothell, WA	2015-11-08	I buy local to avoid GMO's Please keep that cramp out of our food!
Iris ONeal	North Bend, WA	2015-11-08	It is wrong to use the property for the intended purpose of the buyer.
Grace Hall	Silver Spring, MD	2015-11-08	I am originally from Snoqualmie Valley and I know the importance of being a good steward to our land. Please reconsider Tilth's purpose. They may not be as local but they have heart and an eye for keeping people and the planet healthy. River overflow during floods could be damaging to the organic farms in the lower valley which could be devastating to something that is so important!!
Mary Gleason	Sammamish, WA	2015-11-08	We know better. Let's do better.
Robert Pahlow	Brier, WA	2015-11-08	This needs to be turned around and not allowed to happen.
Cathy Jackson	Fall city, WA	2015-11-08	No selling to dairy farm, no GMO's in our valley, no roundup, my god we want our organic farms to stay organic! I will find out what dairy farm is doing this! This is outrageous!
Anna Manolopoulos	Chicago, IL	2015-11-08	No to GMO's
Alysha Thompson	Houston, TX	2015-11-08	This is just plain wrong.

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Suzie Bahmanyar	San Jose, CA	2015-11-09	I would rather see houses being built on this land vs. seeing it being used to grow GMO corn which dairy cows do NOT NEED for their diet. "From a historical perspective, consumption of ground grains has not been part of the cows' natural diet." And no one needs GMO grains in their diet, whether through the consumption of meat or from eating foods with GMO ingredients.
geraldine kline	Seattle, WA	2015-11-09	I am signing this petition because I support healthy agriculture for my health, my children's and their children's health, and the future, as well as because I find it outrageous that one single farmer would benefit from the county's decision to part with SO MUCH MONEY.
Christi Bishop	Redmond, WA	2015-11-09	I grew up in snoqualmie valley
Kimberly Washburn	Duvall, WA	2015-11-09	I support organic farming and a healthy Snoqualmie Valley!
maddy miller	Seattle, WA	2015-11-09	Local organic farming is vital to the health of all people. Children need to be educated about food and its sources. Education at the source of our food production is imperative to healthy generations.
Clair Walker	Carnation, WA	2015-11-09	I'm signing this because I want our Valley to be pure and lush with the organic materials we work hard to grow and nurture.
Debra Holland	Kennewick, WA	2015-11-09	I believe GMO's are destroying people and animal health and the pesticide ultimately destroys the soil and enters the ground water.
Valerie Normand	SEATTLE, WA	2015-11-09	I'm signing because I believe the Seattle Tilth proposal offers the most public benefit for use of this public lands, offering a better way forward in promoting local, sustainable agriculture in King county.
Heidi Siegelbaum	Seattle, WA	2015-11-09	I support long term sustainable farming and communities.
austin robinson	Carnation, WA	2015-11-09	I live near and don't want to see gmo grown foods to be grown in a pro organic farming area.
Dorothy Lange	Carnation, WA	2015-11-09	That is an incredibly stupid idea!
Nathan Hoch	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-09	I grew up here. It's a special place.
Alex DeVita	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-09	Let's try to keep our local farmlands clean and healthy.
Patricia Rose	Fall City, WA	2015-11-09	I oppose GMO, it will infiltrate our food chain, we must act responsibly. I support multi use that offers community open spaces and recreation. Cow manure does not provide for a community friendly environment.
Sheila Roe	Bellevue, WA	2015-11-09	I read both of the proposals and the goals of the local food initiative. It is obvious that the Seattle Tilth proposal fulfills the local food initiative's goal far better than the Keller proposal. Why are we even having this discussion? The Keller proposal is just more old school thinking. We need new school thinking, we need the Seattle Tilth proposal to be implemented!
Kathy Golic	North Bend, WA	2015-11-09	It is the right and best thing for the Valley. I really hate to see these unfair practices when people withheld the truth...ok-lied.
Sarah Rattray	Shoreline, WA	2015-11-09	I support organic, non-GMO farming in King County, and oppose the sale, at a loss, to a farmer who will use GMO corn, glyphosate, and synthetic fertilizers. Also, please reconsider the proposal from Seattle Tilth, which honored the County's requirements in its RFP.
Dawn Alexander	Monroe, WA	2015-11-09	This land is too precious to sell to a large corporate dairy that will destroy this land where many organic farms thrive. They do not deserve this land.
Andrew Daquiz	Seattle, WA	2015-11-09	I want to support my farmers' market people!