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My husband and I are property taxpayers on six homes in Port Townsend. We support the Port's projects and use your facilities as a boat owner. We oppose your considering the proposal of buying the Short Farm or any agriculture ventures. The idea is 100 years old and LOTS of changes and ideas have transpired since then! Those ideas were considered in a different economic and cultural mind set. It's 100 years later and other considerations and needs to be addressed. You have expanded the PORT's land holdings- such as the airport (that wasn't in existence in 1924), all the marina's that have been developed since that time, the Port harbors, and shoreline developments, etc. We pay taxes to support that portion of our community- NOT farming especially with all the facets that farming entails. You are not farmers- that would mean hiring more personnel to oversee and manage such an endeavor. Then what about operational costs? And profits? Stick with something YOU know about- that's what WE support. In addition, our tenants and we cannot afford economically to support this project. Let another community agricultural organization take on that project. We are in the twenty-first century- NOT the twentieth.

Thank you,
Jean Marzan
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