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Subject: Written comment for Project 2023104664 Britcher Reasonable Use Exception

Britcher Addition Hearing**Project# 2023104664**

Dear Ms. Tschaekofske,

My name is Chaplain John Britcher. I live at 654 Sandra Lee Ct SE, Olympia. My wife and I are trying to build an addition to our house to accommodate my medical needs.

I am a 100% combat related disabled military veteran. I served in the Marine Corps and the Army. My service in the Army was mostly as a Hospital Chaplain, specializing with surgical patients; first on the amputee and burn wards at Brooke Army Medical Center. After Vietnam, I was the Assistant Regimental Chaplain at Fulda, on the border of West Germany, Subsequently I was the Deputy V Corps Surgeon for Drug Abuse, writing and managing the Drug/Alcohol Prevention Program. After my residency at Walter Reed A.M.C. I served as the first clinically trained hospital Chaplain at Madigan AMC.

However, while serving in Vietnam, when on the border with combat engineers and Special Forces, I was infected with Agent Orange which caused me to have 36 diseases, which I am being treated for, including cancer, kidney disease and heart problems.

After retiring from Madigan Army Medical Center, I served as a volunteer pastor at a local church, as a chaplain with the Pierce County Sheriff's office and with the Washington State Patrol. I then went to S. Korea as the

Clinical Director of the Army Substance Abuse Program at Daegu, S. Korea.

I had to retire due to my medical condition. I now am required to go to dialysis treatment three days a week for five hours and to Madigan AMC for additional surgeries as necessary.

The addition is to be set up for a disabled person and would serve as my private nursing facility. My wife is my official caretaker. Our son and his wife will move into the main house to serve as backup for my care.

The addition should not interfere with neighbors' view nor infringe on any of their rights.

I respectfully request the approval of my exception.

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