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Dear Council Member Stone:

Thank you for your email response and it was nice to see that the meeting recording had an automated transcription accompanying it. I am copying the IAB address on this email regarding that subject. I don't know if you were aware that this feature is now available on the recording and/or if this is something that is going to continue. I found the transcription helpful when I was looking for certain material that I had taken notes on, in terms of where to find it in the recording. However, I also noticed that the translation must be set to English, as the transcription of Martha Sabalsa's interpretation was not of Spanish words, but was of English words that her translation must have sounded like.

If you all can and do continue to include the transcription feature, I thought it could be valuable for the IAB to discuss whether it is better, or not thought to be of importance, to have English language transcription or Spanish language transcription be chosen for the recording feature.

Again thank you for thoughtfully addressing my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Good morning,

My name is Laura Singletary and I work in the Office of Transitional Learning at Whatcom Community College. Our program offers language, career, and computer/tech literacy skills for non-native English speakers. I'm reaching out to professionals, organizations, and community members in Whatcom County who work with immigrants and refugees and saw your Board listed on the COB website. I would love to connect with someone to learn how our program could provide support, or better meet the needs of non-native English speakers in our community.

With kindness ~ls

Thank you,

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