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J.E. "Sam" Ryan  
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- **Whatcom County Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder**  
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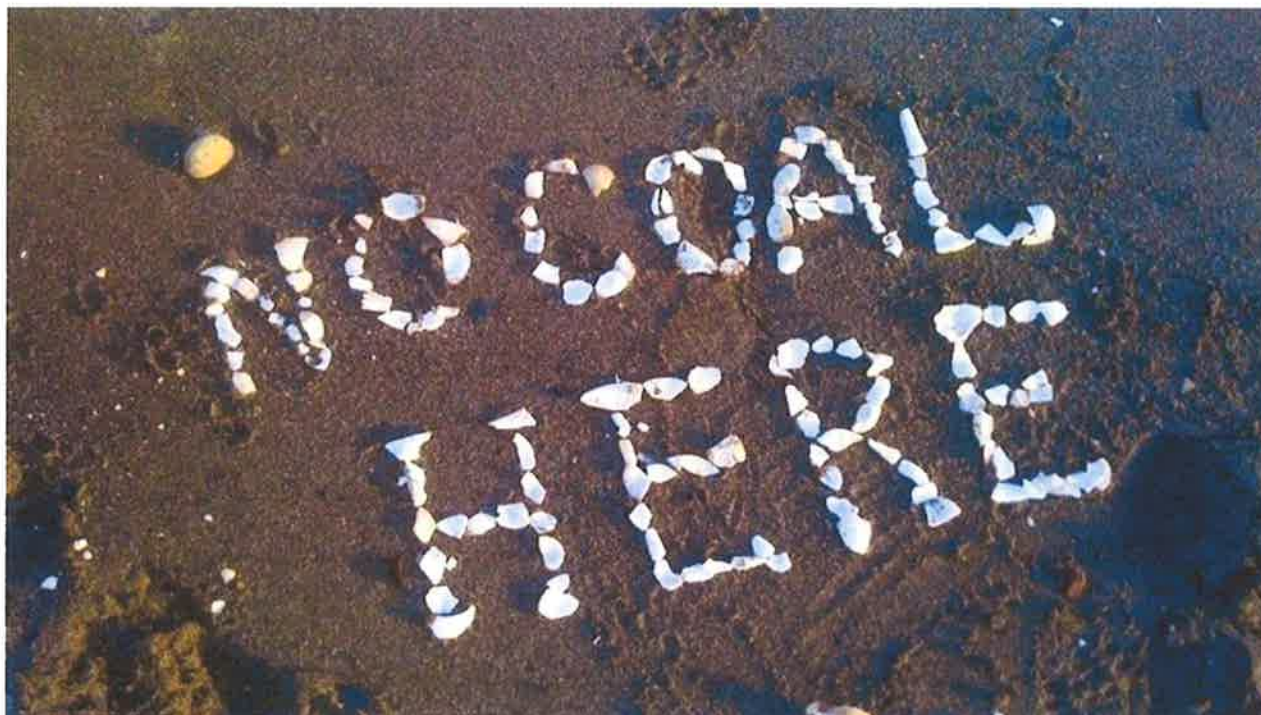
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## **Tell Whatcom County Executive to terminate the agreement for GPT EIS preparation, now!**



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Not only is there no real justification for Whatcom County to extend the suspension of the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project, more importantly, there is ample reason why any extension of the EIS suspension is contrary to public interest. It has come to my attention that Whatcom County is provided a path to terminate the EIS preparation for the GPT and BNSF Custer Spur Modification Project.

According to the Contract for Services Agreement between Whatcom County and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., the County can terminate the Agreement in whole or in part whenever the County determines, in its sole discretion, that such termination is in the interests of the county.

According to the Agreement, "Termination of this Agreement by the County at any time during the term, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County." The list below details examples of some, not all, of the ways that the proposed GPT project and the EIS process for that, has been negatively impacting Whatcom citizens over the last several years:

- Citizens' access to their County Council representatives is limited in that they cannot communicate with them about any matter potentially related to the GPT project (since 2012, after the legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)
- There is a formidable restriction of the government-to-government relationship between Lummi Nation and Whatcom County government in matters involving Cherry Point (since 2012, after the legal advisement issued by the Whatcom Prosecuting County Attorney's office)
- The County Council representatives' limited ability to fully legislate on behalf of their constituents on any matter

potentially related to the GPT project (since 2012, after the legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)

- The obstruction of citizens' due process rights during County Council meetings related to the prohibition on speaking during public comment about any matter potentially related to the GPT project (since 2012, after the legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)
- County Council elections, in that Council candidates were/are constrained in providing voters with answers to questions on subjects potentially related to the GPT project (since 2012, after the legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)
- The obstruction of citizens' due process rights to fully participate, or even participate at an acceptable level in the 2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Update process (due to the 2012 legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)
- The County Council representatives' limited ability to fully legislate on the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan matters during the 2016 Comp Plan Update, causing Council to take the extraordinary action, on July 12, 2016, to remove proposed amendments made to the Cherry Point UGA section and send those back to the Planning Commission with no real, citable explanation as to why this was done (due to the 2012 legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)
- The likely obstruction of citizens' due process rights during Whatcom County's ongoing Critical Areas Ordinance Update (due to the 2012 legal advisement issued by the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney's office)

The Contract for Services Agreement between Whatcom County and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for the EIS preparation for the GPT and BNSF Custer Spur Modification Project, allows, in clause number 11.3 "Termination for Public Convenience," for the County, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term, to terminate, for Public Convenience, its Agreement with CH2M Hill for the EIS for the GPT and BNSF Custer Spur Modification Project. And, in that Agreement with CH2M Hill, it states that termination, whether for default or convenience, shall not constitute breach of contract by the County.

Therefore, I respectfully request the County immediately terminate, for Public Convenience, its Agreement with CH2M Hill for the EIS preparation for the GPT and BNSF Custer Spur Modification Project. For added impact, please copy and paste the text of this petition into an email and send to: Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws, JLouws@co.whatcom.wa.us ; Director of Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Sam Ryan, jryan@whatcomcounty.us ; Whatcom County Deputy Executive, tschroed@co.whatcom.wa.us

**This petition will be delivered to:**

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Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws
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Whatcom County Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder
- **Whatcom County Planning and Development Services**  
Whatcom County Planning and Development Director J.E. "Sam" Ryan

Read the letter

Letter to

**Whatcom County Executive Office** Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws

**Whatcom County Executive Office** Whatcom County Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder

**Whatcom County Planning and Development Services** Whatcom County Planning and Development Director J.E. "Sam" Ryan

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Recipient: **Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws, Whatcom County Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder, and Whatcom County Planning and Development Director J.E. "Sam" Ryan**

Letter: **Greetings,**

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# Signatures

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Dena Jensen	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-11
Richard Jehn	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-11
Sandy Robson	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-11
John Bremer	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Karen Price	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-12
rebecca meloy	bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
brooks anderson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Larry Blanchard	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Mary Carroll Petrone	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Mike Sennett	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Liz Marshall	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
nate marino	bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
lauren atkinson	greenbank, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Stan Parker	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Tina McKim	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Pearl Follett	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Paula Rotondi	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Esther Faber	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Edward Ury	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Amy Glasser	Custer, WA, United States	2016-08-12
LeeAnn Cogert	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Jillian Gallery	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Sharon Hennessy	Seattle, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Juanita Jefferson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Joanne Peterson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Paula Smith	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Susan Millis	Laguna Hills, CA, United States	2016-08-12
Ian Alexander	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Lloyd Zimmerman	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Ivana Grace	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12

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Neah Monteiro	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Jamie K Donaldson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Christine Westland	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Carlo Voli	Edmonds, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Jennifer Purcell	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Debra David	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Amy Pashov	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Stefan Pashov	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Ronna Loerch	Everson, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Mark Johnson, Ph.D.	West Hartford, CT, United States	2016-08-12
Tatum Kenn	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Barbara Lewis	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Kurt Dye	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Kim Gardner	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Stephanie Trasoff	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Tomasina Truglas	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-12
Karen Peterson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Anne James	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Marlene Allen	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
victoria savage	deming, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Diane Harrington	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Lynn Colson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
pam uri	blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Alton Cogert	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Scott Schaefer	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
wendy harris	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-13
ronnie mitchell	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Chris Maukonen	Garfield Heights, OH, United States	2016-08-13
Albert Snow	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Jill MacIntyre Witt	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Walter Haugen	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Mark Waschke	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Dan Brown	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Henry Bennett	Portland, OR, United States	2016-08-13
Bob Burr	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Suki Aufhauser	Sedro-Woolley, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Mark Kaufman	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Terry Dooley	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Ronald Colson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Nancy Shimeall	Renton, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Brandon Burr	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Sharon Alford	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Tamara Pavesi	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Liisa Wale	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Charis Weathers	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Suzanne Ravet	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Joy Patterson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Leslie Meehan	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
La Belle Urbanec	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Anna Kemper	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Jamie Albrecht	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Robert Johnston	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Karlee Deatherage	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Carolyn McGlothlin	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Lynn Billington	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
david doran	Ferndale, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Kaia Gran	belingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Barbara Perry	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Lois Holub	Deming, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Junga Subedar	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Marty Weber	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Ken Kaliher	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Michael Crum	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Ashanti Monts-Treviska	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13



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Denise Marshall	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
Eric Lawrence	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-13
trina cooper	federal way, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Ann Mulvey	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Ruth hesse	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Libby Hazen	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Ellen Murphy	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Andy Ingram	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
John Holstein	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Judith Akins	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
John Scott	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Rebecca Rosencrans	Bow, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Warren Tobey	Maple Falls, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Mia Mason	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
James Demko	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Mike Lince	Greenville, SC, United States	2016-08-14
Gwen Hunter	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Carol Butz	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Doug Starcher	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
Rosa Rice-Pelepko	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-14
jim peterson	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Ryan Coons	Madison, AL, United States	2016-08-15
Lynn Allen	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Gerald Stege	Blaine, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Lisa Papp	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Jason Bryenton	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Rev. Amari Magdalena	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Linda Kearney	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Larry Horowitz	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-15
Cindi Carpenter	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-16
marie montana		2016-08-16
Debbie McMeel	Bellingham, WA, United States	2016-08-16

**Name**

Terese VanAssche

Robert Bystrom

**Location**

Ferndale, WA, United States

Bellingham,, WA, United States

**Date**

2016-08-16

2016-08-16

# Comments

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
John Bremer	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	I'm disgusted that my government is a sucker for the fossil fuel racketeers who have taken us to the cleaners for seventy years.
brooks anderson	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	Unless the county executive or deputy county executive can justify that Public Convenience is being served by keeping this open. Close it immediately.
Larry Blanchard	FERNDALE, WA	2016-08-12	I moved to Sandy Point for the fishing, boating, crabbing, sailing, diving, island hiking, bicycling and whale watching....not to watch the 18 additional coal trains per day go by and not to get a lung ailment from the coal dust.
Mike Sennett	Blaine, WA	2016-08-12	The USACE & the Washington state DNR have denied the permits for the GPT. It's time for the County to act responsibly & independently and follow suit.
Mary Carroll Petrone	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	Future businesses will be attracted to a progressive energy-model County; one who has moved beyond dirty energy to clean. People and business value health over exporting pollution-based products. Leading by example is attractive. Whatcom County can and should strive for just that.
Amy Glasser	Custer, WA	2016-08-12	It is time to terminate for Public Convenience. We are ready to talk with our representatives about Cherry Point without the legal issues involved with quasi judicial roles.
LeeAnn Cogert	Blaine, WA	2016-08-12	End it with them. NOW!
Jillian Gallery	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	A coal shipping terminal in our county would degrade quality of life for Whatcom County residents all along the rail line as well as fishing grounds in waters of the shipping terminal.
Susan Millis	Laguna Hills, CA	2016-08-12	No more coal...leave it in the ground where it belongs!!!
Ivana Grace	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	It's antithetical to the health of every living creature in our spectacular Pacific Northwest, and GOD doesn't want us ruining with the Creation that He called GOOD, from the Beginning!
Jamie K Donaldson	Vancouver, Canada	2016-08-12	It's time for the county to do the right thing, following the lead of Lummi Nation and both the state and federal governments: NO to the GPT.
Christine Westland	Blaine, WA	2016-08-12	I'm signing this petition because state and federal government agencies have already denied permits for the construction of North America's largest coal shipping port in the ecologically sensitive waters of the Salish Sea. I live here because of the healthy lifestyle the Pacific Northwest provides abundantly. I object to any more industrial pollution, especially when there are clean energy solutions available. It's time to face the future!
Ronna Loerch	Everson, WA	2016-08-12	There is no good reason to keep extending this process. Unless there is corruption involved. Who does Louws really work for? Terminate the agreement.
Mark Johnson, Ph.D.	West Hartford ct, CT	2016-08-12	Way past time to end off on fossil fuel use
Kim Gardner	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-12	Get the trains out of bellingham!
victoria savage	deming, WA	2016-08-13	The Asian market is moving towards clean energy. You can't sell the idea here or the commodity there. No GPT.
wendy harris	bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	Democracy does not exist without transparency and accountability. And in matters of heightened concern, the county should be especially sensitive to the need to have an open, transparent process.

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Walter Haugen	Ferndale, WA	2016-08-13	I have been against the GPT since 2009. It is an unconsonable waste of public funds that enriches a few at the expense of the many. It is also the WRONG use of the land at Cherry Point. The land should be left as is.
maureen burr	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	I don't want to see my tax dollars going to an EIS which is now irrelevant. Seems like a no brainer to me, Jack
Ronald COLSON	Lakewood, CO	2016-08-13	We must move beyond fossil fuels to a clean energy future.
Nancy Shimeall	Renton, WA	2016-08-13	We must stop sacrificing our land water and health for the fossil fuel industry. Keep it in the ground and transition to renewable energy now!
Charis Weathers	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	With the Army Corps of Engineers saying no to GPT because of treaty right violations, there is no reason for the County to continue a contract for an EIS - the decision has been made. The only reason TO continue such a contract would be with the hope that GPT really could happen...and since that's a violation of treaty rights, why would the County Executive be okay with that? Please follow suit and put this thing to rest. It's the ethical thing to do.
Joy Patterson	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	Wee should be building a sustainable community instead of backing the TPP.
Leslie Meehan	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	Fossil fuels are a bad idea.
La Belle Urbanec	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	ANY industrial changes to Cherry Point will negatively impact the ecosystem and encroach further on the Lummi Treaty rights that were validated by the Federal Government via Army Corp of Engineers.
Carolyn McGlothlin	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-13	Please say never to these dangerous, toxic and hazardous projects.
Denise Marshall	Deming, WA	2016-08-13	Because it is time for the county council to stand up and do the right thing.
Andy Ingram	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-14	Fuck coal, we need to act to stop climate change now.
John Holstein	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-14	Whatcom County should immediately terminate, for "Public Convenience," its Agreement with CH2M Hill for the EIS preparation for the Gateway Pacific Terminal and BNSF Custer Spur Modification Project.
Judith Akins	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-14	The County Council needs to say no to GPT and preserve our County from being the gateway to Carbon pollution from the East and preserving our resources here.
Doug Starcher	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-14	There is no point in continuing to process this application.
Gerald Stege	Blaine, WA	2016-08-15	No coal facility in Whatcom County
Lisa Papp	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-15	We need to be more forward-thinking in our energy use and job creation. Solar power, for example, is the fastest growing industry on the planet now, creating more jobs (design, engineering, manufacturing, installation, sales, administration) faster than any other industry.
Terese VanAssche	Ferndale, WA	2016-08-16	The future of Cherry Point is for the Lummi tribe to decide. It is their treaty right and a moral obligation to protect the waters of the Sales Sea from coal and oil tankers. To protect their ancestral burial sites. To protect their way of life, She'langen!
Robert Bystrom	Bellingham,, WA	2016-08-16	The executive branch of our county government is required by law to protect the health of the people, the land, the animals and the waters of our sacred heritage.
Linda Soriano	Seattle, WA	2016-08-16	I'm tribal enrolled with the great Lummi Nation. I'm signer #73 of this Petition. (200 signatures are needed). Please, everyone sign and help get this shared also.
Dolores Angel	Bellingham, WA	2016-08-16	No more coal. It is a no brainer.