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Dear Council Members:

My name is Kristie Centurion. My husband and I both work for Phillips 66 and our jobs are located at the Ferndale refinery. Our family resides in Whatcom county.

I am here today to implore upon all of you who sit on our Whatcom County Council to rescind the Cherry Point Moratorium extension. The claim has been asserted that this moratorium is for the good of Whatcom county jobs. Dear Council, "for your own good is most often a convincing argument that eventually leads one to agree to their own destruction" which is EXACTLY what will happen if you all extend this moratorium.

This proposed moratorium does not really protect Cherry Point jobs and it will negatively impact our businesses ability to compete within our own state. A business that cannot compete will not flourish. A business that cannot flourish will cease to exist. The proposed mortarium will negatively impact the over 11,200 people directly and indirectly employed by Cherry Point businesses by putting their companies at a disadvantage in Whatcom County. I implore upon your sense of duty and obligation to our county and community– you must rescind this moratorium and stand up with the people of your county to protect our jobs instead of harming our future and the futures of our families. We greatly appreciate you amending the definition of unrefined fossil fuels to exclude butane. However, the ban as proposed is still misleading and we still ask you to rescind the moratorium and here is why:

- The assertion made claiming that Cherry Point will become a prime export route is false. The fact is of the 9 refineries that have been shut down in the United States, exactly ZERO have ever been converted into crude export terminals. Whatcom County refineries are not key candidates for export terminals due to their location and the additional cost to ship products.
- If you pass this mortarium, you will greatly disadvantage our two Whatcom county refineries. This will impact our ability to compete in the industry and the changing marketplace. Without growth, flexibility, or expansion opportunities, we would be limited on our ability to meet competitive demands. This moratorium will be putting our jobs at risk. You tell me: what company will continue to operate a site that cannot fully utilize its assets? What company is going to invest capital and resources in a business where the local counties write laws that prohibit needed growth?

This moratorium is a deal breaker and it has long-term unintended consequences which will affect our businesses, our jobs, our livelihoods, and our futures in Whatcom County. You must disapprove this moratorium extension and keep our Cherry Point businesses competitive and thriving!