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From: MICHAEL CRUM [mailto:mcrum@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Council
Subject: Public Comment re: AB2018-077B

Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

When I was a kid, my mother urged my persistence toward difficult goals by reminding me that ... “success is just beyond failure.” Those words served me well on a number of occasions through five years of graduate school and a forty year professional career.

Council members, you have encountered a great deal of pressure from special interest groups to end the Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point urban growth area, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point (AB 2018-077B). Credibly, you resisted those special interests and have remained focused upon the greater good.

Please, recall that the Courts have determined that the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution does not prevent states and local governments from having the authority to regulate interstate commerce when the regulation is for a legitimate and reasonable interest in protecting public health and safety. And that the current need to protect public health and safety is as real today as it was on August 9, 2016. The Attachment offers a stark reminder of what is a stake in your protecting public safety.

Considering that Cascadia Law Group released its 293-page report on February 12, 2018, in my view, it is reasonable that additional time is needed to fully consider all of those findings.

This appears to be one of those occasions when success is just beyond failure. Therefore, I urge you vote to approve extending the Ordinance imposing an interim

moratorium ... (AB2018-077B).

Thank you for your service on behalf of all Whatcom County residents ... and for considering my comment.

Respectfully,

Michael Crum
Bellingham, WA