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From: Ann Mulvey [mailto:nebulann@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 11:23 PM
To: Council
Subject: Vote to approve Ordinance AB2018-077B

Dear County Council Members:

I am writing to voice my support for the ordinance (AB2018-077B) which imposes 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.

In spite of what the fossil fuel advocates would like all to believe, development at Xwe'chi'eXen is not a jobs versus environmental issue. Sadly that's just a talking point that big oil is promoting to the workers in the industry. Another self-serving industry willing to rape a community in order for bigger profits is the last thing that the families of Whatcom County need.

The reality is that this has always been a public health issue. To support this, there are the emerging court decisions that present a pathway toward creating and enacting even stronger protections and a more permanent prohibition against fossil-fuel-based projects in Whatcom County. As our representatives, we look to you to reject anything from any industry, regardless of promises, that places our community's safety, health, and the environment we cherish at any level of risk. Accomplishing this mandates action to mitigate the risks while resisting the pressure that the wealthy profit-driven oil industry proudly uses to manipulate community officials. Regardless of the stress involved, this community needs you to weave through the bureaucracy that ensures the maintenance of community protection now and in the future. This requires time. Code changes, permitting regulations, and changes to our County's comprehensive and shoreline management plans don't happen overnight. This interim ordinance will offer the Council the time required to take action while guiding our families into a permanent place of environmental health and safety. I urge you to approve Ordinance AB2018-077B.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Mulvey

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