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To my County Council members

I can't be at the county council meeting. But I did want to share that from my point of view as a single and working class mother raising two teenagers and a 9yr old daughter, I think we need to use our intelligence, time, effort, and creativity on figuring out how to transition away from the fossil fuel extraction that is still devastating Athabaskan homelands for the next 7 generations. Even if we were to stop today from processing that oil, we would still be facing decades of clean up. Why don't we start now finding employment and livelihoods that restore habitats instead of supporting the destruction of First Nations ancestral domains? Our puzzle should be "what else would allow people to make a livelihood and also restore our watersheds, Cherry Point and Whatcom county's resilience to climate change and the resulting sea level change, fires, droughts, soaring temperatures, and melting glaciers"? Let's put our energy and intelligence into that, not into how to facilitate the trans mountain pipeline making more profits for the next few years, at the expense of our children's and the planet's present and future wellness.

Sincerely
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