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Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you for your continued work to hold the line against new fossil fuel bulk terminals while the County establishes long term protections against the dangers of fossil fuels. I ask that you both **extend the temporary moratorium** and **not pre-approve the current draft Cherry Point land use code now under consideration**. Any new land use code must protect against piecemeal, cumulative impacts from new fossil fuel projects as well as hold existing industries to high standards, because their impact to public health and our shared air and water is already high.

It has taken three years to get to this place where draft code amendments are being considered. Unfortunately, the June 18th draft code amendments are wholly inadequate regarding conditions of new permits for existing oil refineries. The draft fails to achieve policy goals which hundreds of Whatcom County residents have asked for in public comments repeatedly, to ensure that existing fossil fuel facilities are reviewed for environmental impacts and permitted conditionally to reduce pollution, risk and hazard when investing in upgrade projects.

I urge you to take more time to consider stakeholder input and significantly revise this draft before initiating public review by the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your service,

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