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Dear Whatcom County council,

I am writing to you about the proposed Cherry Point Urban Growth Area (UGA) Comprehensive Plan and zoning code amendments. I believe our first and most important goal with this issue is to protect the people of Whatcom County and the environment. There needs to be no increased harm or risk at the Cherry Point area. It needs to be cleaner and safer now by strengthening county administration of SEPA review and by zoning conditional use. There should be the same regulations whether looking at an existing or a new project. For instance the refinery at Phillips 66 has never had an EIS performed so any new improvements should be regulated so any adverse impacts can be mitigated. We've already taken on our fair share of risks, hazards and pollution over the years with existing industries at Cherry point. Regulation should not be viewed as an impediment as it creates jobs and pushes investment in upgrades.

Thank you,
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