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To: Council; Barry Buchanan; Todd Donovan; Satpal Sidhu; Carol Frazey; Rud Browne; Barbara Brenner; Tyler Byrd
Cc: Jack Louws
Subject: Please approve AB2019-339

Dear Whatcom County Council members:

I am writing to voice my support for AB2019-339, an ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point UGA, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point.

I appreciate that the County Council has been keeping this protection in place during the time work is being done and pending the approval of code amendments needed to adequately protect and prioritize the culturally and environmentally sensitive lands and waters at Cherry Point, known to the Lummi Nation as Xwe'chi'eXen.

Our County continues to be under attack from fossil fuel interests which have set their sights on Cherry Point. We will have to endure a never-ending siege on Cherry Point unless we can get stricter and permanent protections in place.

The advocates who want to see more fossil fuel development at Cherry Point have framed things as "jobs versus environment." This isn't about jobs and it has never been. That's just messaging created by public relations experts. Those current industry jobs are not going away.

This is about our future survival and I believe everyone here knows that deep down. But, somehow companies like BP, Phillips 66, Petrogas, Williams Pipeline and their advocates, have convinced some workers and others that those current Cherry Point jobs are in jeopardy. Again, that's messaging created by public relations experts.

It's imperative we protect public safety, treaty rights, and our environment, such that stronger and permanent protections are finalized and put in-place.

Our County, via your direction, needs to complete the actions the Council needs to take which are necessary to protect public health and safety as well as protect the future health of our environment.

You council members can take action to reduce the risks to our community's safety, health, and environment, but you need time to finish putting those plans into action such as code changes, permitting regulations, and changes to our County's

comprehensive plan and shoreline management plan.

There are big, wealthy corporations which are applying great pressure to you as they are driven by profit, and I understand the courage needed to see this endeavor through to final completion, so that all this hard work Council has been doing for several years will not be in vain.

I urge you to continue to keep the moratorium in place until you can get all of those needed protections in place. We are depending on you Council members as our last line of defense.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Regards,

Sandy Robson