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To: Council
Subject: Cherry Point moratorium and long-term protections

Dear 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 current moratorium and not pre-approve the current draft land use code being considered.

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.

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

As the linked report from the Center for Climate Integrity makes clear, in the near future, we citizens of Whatcom County face the prospect of spending a fortune in green money to protect our communities from rising sea levels. As this situation has been brought down on our heads by the fossil fuel oligarchs and Wall Street banks, who have profited from shipping coal and oil through our county while all the time denying the reality of climate change, these billion dollar bills must be their responsibility, not ours. Not mine, and not that of my retired neighbors living on fixed incomes and not that of the young families burdened by Wall Street student, mortgage and car loans

https://www.climatecosts2040.org/files/ClimateCosts2040_Report-v5.pdf

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