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Dear All,

The moratorium that you have placed on Cherry Point is a well meaning decision gone wrong. The gyrations that you are going through to try and make this legal and not a taking are ludicrous. I call you attention to these factors that will certainly come into play after a long and costly law suit. Both the Ferndale and Blaine school districts are heavily dependent on the tax dollars that they receive from the industries at Cherry Point and any additional regulations that would affect the refineries ability to implement changes to their operation system without additional government interference will affect the tax valuations the amount of money going to the school districts. Further any shortfall in the amount collected will be reallocated to the rest of the population of Whatcom County. This would exacerbate an already crisis situation. Currently the median income of Whatcom County is \$56,419. Low income earns 60% of the median income \$35,851, and middle income earns \$33,851 to \$67,703. 31% of Whatcom County does not make \$615 per week or \$30 to \$32,000 per year and cannot carry a larger housing burden of 30% of their income. The impact maybe worse if the refineries were to close since their employees and the contract employees and the highest paid in the County.

The cost of housing has already reached crisis proportions and any thing that might further affect housing will result in more homelessness, a lack of other industries looking at the area because of the lack of affordable housing. Further it sends a signal to anyone wishing to come here and develop anything that the County can not be trusted to not attempt to change the esixting regulations for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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