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To: [PDS Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and Code updates
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Hello,
Thank you for taking a moment to read my email.

My name is Meredith Koehler I work as an Operations Shift Supervisor at Phillips 66 Refinery in Ferndale. I live in Blaine and have been a lifelong resident of our area (Bellingham, Ferndale, Everson/Nooksack and Blaine). My grandparents and my husband's great-great grandparents settled here long ago. I work to support myself, my husband and two children who all depend greatly on my ability work at the refinery. Phillips 66 strongly encourages employee community volunteerism and support.

I *strongly* OPPOSE the County's proposed changes to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and Code. I oppose the changes because they WILL prevent permit approvals for future projects at the refinery, including infrastructure upgrades and *especially* Safety upgrades! These upgrades are vital for worker safety and to ensure the refinery remains a viable asset.

It will impact my ability to continue to have a job to support my family. These proposed changes will significantly impact many families directly (including my own). Indirectly, it will impact many families and organizations by greatly reducing the funds our employees and outreach programs are able to inject into the surrounding areas.

These are great jobs. We are focused on safety and environmentally sound operations. We inject wealth in to the community.

Please don't impose these significant changes without studying the impact. This proposal will most definitely HURT my job, worker safety, the environment and my ability to support my family. The two refineries in Whatcom county are extremely safe and are excellent stewards of the environment. In fact, Ferndale's P66 refinery is one of only 5 US refineries who has achieved Energy Star certification. And we are proud of this achievement!

Why would you impose these significant changes without understanding the impact? Please don't jeopardize my job, my safety, and the safety of my coworkers. This ordinance also creates a disincentive for investment, which results in less safety upgrades, less infrastructure improvement, and less environmental conservation upgrades. It directly jeopardizes my safety and my ability to support my family. BP and Phillips 66 want to spend money to upgrade safety systems and infrastructure, but without certainty that funding will not be available.

We have the opportunity and ability to be at the forefront of the renewable fuel industry. To hire more people. To encourage more goodwill. The ordinance should exempt renewable projects. It does not. Treating renewable fuels with the same restrictions will make it impossible to realize renewable projects that benefit the environment. This will ultimately hurt innovation in an industry we ALL currently need *and* use.

Please do not support or impose these changes that will kill the refining industry in

Whatcom County.

Kindly,

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