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From: Jenny Maida-Young [<mailto:manatee13@comcast.net>]
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To: Council
Subject: Cherry Point

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing this after the community hearing on Sept 12, when Phillips 66 management and employees packed the house 2 hours before the meeting began. It really doesn't matter how high on the scale Phillips scores for safety and preparedness (apparently #5), b/c when a spill occurs, we've all seen the total destruction of the local environment...including sea life, shoreline use, local businesses, tourism, and recreation. As I'm sure you are aware, the question isn't IF there will be a catastrophic accident, but WHEN.

Bellingham is bordered on the north, and the south, by oil refineries. We are living in a Cancer cluster, and can't afford to risk any added industry that would endanger us further.

We appreciate your views on this urgent matter. We Definitely need to prohibit any new coal, oil, or gas facilities...especially for transshipment. The Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve is a very fragile environment. We must protect it from any new shipping piers, docks, or wharfs.

All facility fossil fuel upgrades or additions need to present specific permits for protections for the safety of Whatcom County and the Salish Sea. These projects need to use 'clean energy and energy efficient buildings to mitigate their emissions.

We need a stringent law prohibiting "change of use" facilities, so the refineries are not allowed to become a transshipment hub for unrefined fossil fuel such as (but not limited to) tar sands, crude oil, coal, or fracked gas.

We are thrilled that you want to prohibit new fossil fuel shipment terminals, and refresh the county code to allow our citizens to hold industry accountable for the safety of our community. We may not have much longer on this earth as we've known it, so let's make it as healthy as we can.

Thank you for all you do for Whatcom County,

Jenny Maida-Young
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