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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for initiating a public review process for the Cherry Point Amendments. As a resident of Bellingham, I attended the Town Hall on September 12, but due to the large number of people in attendance, I was not able to be in the council chambers or make a statement.

I am glad that you are recognizing the need to reform county code so that existing industries are held accountable to not only not increase hazards, but to invest in upgrades which reduce environmental impact and risk. The Cherry Point Amendments will raise the standards for fossil fuel projects in this beautiful and increasingly compromised area, are vital for the environment and for public safety, and are long overdue. Please include these protections in the amendments:

- Prohibit new coal, gas, and oil transshipment facilities.
- Prohibit new shipping piers, docks and wharfs in the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve.
- Require conditional use permits with protections for fossil fuel storage and transshipment upgrades or additions at existing facilities.
- Require greenhouse gas mitigation for new projects, for infrastructure that reduces fossil fuel consumption, such as clean power, transportation improvements and energy efficiency.
- Stronger "change of use" definitions so that existing terminals serving refineries do not change to become transshipment hubs for unrefined fossil fuels like crude oil, tar sands, coal or fracked gas.

Thank you for your service to our communities, and for your careful consideration of these crucial issues,

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