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September 11, 2019

Whatcom County Planning Commission  
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105  
Bellingham, WA 98225

**RE: Letter in Opposition  
Proposed Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan Code Changes  
Negative Impacts to WAPOLY College**

Dear Whatcom County Planning Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the negative job effects of the proposed Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan Code Changes. **I strongly oppose** the proposed Cherry Point changes. The proposed changes will have unintended negative economic impacts and will directly affect employment of WAPOLY graduates.

WAPOLY College is a private four-year engineering college that I founded (10) years ago here in Whatcom County. Many WAPOLY students and graduates work directly for the refineries and/or with contractors that provide services to the refineries. These are high wage engineering and engineering technology jobs for students.

The proposed changes will have a **dreadful chilling effect** on the present and future infrastructure investments and growth at Cherry Point. WAPOLY students and graduates need opportunities to get started with their engineering careers. The refineries and their supporting contractors have provided many of our graduates their first high paying jobs.

I urge you not to advance the proposed Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan Code changes.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave C. Bren'.

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President  
Washington Polytechnic Institute  
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