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From: Coyne, Krystina [mailto:Krystina.K.Coyne@p66.com]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:32 AM
To: Council
Subject: Cherry Point comprehensive plan and code

My name is Krystina Coyne and I work at the Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery as an Operator.

I oppose the County's proposed changes to the Cherry Point Comprehensive Plan and Code. These proposed changes could prevent permit approvals for future projects at our refinery, including safety and infrastructure upgrades. These upgrades are vital for worker safety and to ensure the refinery remains a viable asset and that I have a job to support my family. Please do not impose these changes that will harm the refining industry in Whatcom County.

As an operator, and a life long resident in Washington State, I take pride in my job and this company. We are excellent stewards of the environment and this community. This company uses a tremendous percentage of funding to upgrade safety systems and infrastructure. These upgrades are tremendously important to our safety. If the Proposed amendments are passed, it could be extremely difficult for our company to obtain permits for future projects.

The Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery is one of the only 5 energy star certified refineries in the United States! Our Company is in the top quartile in energy conservation, efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions. Why would anyone want to hinder one of the lowest emissions refinery in the world with these plan changes that will make it more difficult to continue these important and positive upgrades that allow us to operate our units and refinery safely and reliably? Please don't impose these significant changes without studying the impact this might have on our jobs, worker safety and the environment.

The oil industry is a worldwide market, and the proposed amendments only apply to the refineries here in Whatcom County. This proposal will unfairly penalize only our safety, jobs, and future jobs in this community. Not to mention the damage this could have on further investments for energy conservation, environmental upgrades, and safety and reliability projects. Please don't jeopardize worker safety with this proposal. We need to continue to allow all maintenance, safety and positive environmental projects to continue without unnecessary scrutiny and unfair comp plan changes. Furthermore, renewable projects should not be included in the same restrictions. Renewable projects benefit the environment and makes it possible for refineries to

upgrade their units and systems to run more efficiently while producing cleaner fuels. The ordinance delivers a disincentive for investment which puts safety upgrades and environmental improvement at jeopardy. An ordinance should promote renewable projects in our community, striving to encourage investment in cleaner energy, not restrict it.

Please consider the negative impacts this proposal delivers, on our jobs, our safety, our families and community, and our environment.

Very Respectfully,

Krystina Coyne
Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery
Operator