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Dear Whatcom County Planning Commissioners,

As you work to review county codes that govern industrial projects in Whatcom county, I urge you to support new regulations that center the health and safety of the broader community of Whatcom county, and the environment we inhabit. Please pass code updates that prohibit the construction of new fossil fuel shipment facilities, and ensure that upgrades to those which already exist are only permitted if they protect the long-term sustainability of those operations by decreasing pollution and safety hazards to Whatcom residents.

I appreciate the Commission's openness to public input, and to fostering dialogue and transparency in this process. These legal protections are of critical importance for our community's future, and ensuring that the public is engaged and has a deep understanding of the issues and stakeholders involved will be central to ensuring that these solutions last for years to come.

Thank you for your time and energy in serving our community,  
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