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**To:** [PDS Planning Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Cherry Point Amendments-Please Approve  
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I hope you recognize the urgent need to reform county code so that Whatcom County is empowered to reject projects that unreasonably threaten the health and safety of people and ecosystems, and ensure that existing industries are held accountable not to increase hazards, but rather invest in upgrades that reduce pollution and risk while creating jobs. In your review of the proposed amendments, I will appreciate that you listen to public input, engage in open dialogue and promote transparency in the remainder of the public review process for these important legal protections.

I also urge you to ensure the safety of the citizens who attend your hearings. I heard rumors from attendees that they were intimidated at the door by BP advocates. It might be advisable to have the Sheriff's Office attend or be ready to respond if needed.

Thank you for your volunteer service to our communities.

Sincerely,

Shannon Parsons

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