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Planning Commissioners,

With only years remaining to address the emergent threat of fossil fuel-caused climate change, I have watched the repeated passage of moratoriums on fossil fuel expansions at Cherry Point with great excitement. I am well pleased that the Council has now finished the draft code amendments to make those protections more permanent. I urge you to ultimately pass amendments that empower Whatcom County to reject projects that threaten the health and safety of its people and ecosystems and ensure that existing industries are held accountable for pollution and environmental degradation. 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.

Thank you for your volunteer service to our communities.

Regards,
- Daniel Ritchie
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