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Whatcom County Council Resolution 2019-037  
Proposed Code Amendments

I support the proposed amendments outlined in the Whatcom Co. Council resolution regarding the development of Cherry Point. The amendments to the code specifically state that those changes will not delay implementing safety upgrades, nor delay improvements to existing facilities that would mitigate the effects of climate change. The amendments allow existing refinery operations to operate at current levels, with expansion subject to environmental review. There is no threat to existing living-wage jobs, which unfortunately is being used by unethical politicians and upper management to mislead the refinery workers. In fact, allowing the export of crude oil, which the amendments don't allow, indeed would threaten those jobs. The amendments also welcome new industry that offers high paying jobs. Environmental Impact Statements and proof of insurance to cover environmental catastrophes caused by industry is reasonable and prudent. There is more at stake here than profits for out-of-state investors. We must protect our community and our way of life, which includes protecting the coastline, the sea, the fisheries, and the public health and safety of the people who live and work in Whatcom County. It is reckless to allow development without permitting and regulation. These steps are not job-killers; they are steps to hold investors accountable to their employees and the community. There is not a person in Whatcom Co. who wants to take good jobs from the people at Cherry Point. That characterization is disingenuous and has cause unnecessary division in our community. As written, the proposed amendments are sound and will allow greater prosperity as well as sensible environmental protection to benefit our children and our community well into the future.

Regards,  
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