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**From:** Car4profit <car4profit@aol.com>  
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**To:** Council <Council@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Lack of business sense among the council members

Having been born and raised I am disgusted by the continuing fight with Cherry Point. I don't believe any of your members are people that were born and raised in Whatcom county.

I am a member of the Haggen family, and we know the importance of business in our community. The council appears to not value business, and instead feels environment is the most important issue.

Cherry Point provides many jobs and generates a huge amount of taxes that support our local schools, public safety among many other benefits that support our county.

My son died in the 1999 Pipeline Accident. If anyone should have a complaint about the oil companies it should be me. Oil production is essential at this time. No one seems to have an immediate solution to take its place. It is a sizable amount of time before we have no dependance on them, although many prefer to not see it this way.

Growing up I remember people working together and supporting each other. It offends me that newcomers arrive in Bellingham hoping to change everything to their liking. I prefer the real Bellingham citizens to govern our city, rather than a group of strangers that have no respect for the history and culture of Bellingham.

I'm disappointed in the direction our city is going. My father, the son of Norwegian immigrants, would be very saddened by the tone of Bellingham now. Our city was built on fishing and lumber. I don't think many of our local citizens realize that.

It might help if your minds were broadened to blend your perspective with the values that made our great city what it is today.

Mary Haggen King