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Subject: REMOVE the Cherry Point fossil fuel moratorium

Honorable Councilmembers ,

Dear Councilmembers,

I was strongly encouraged to write you to keep the moratorium in place on pass through shipments of oil at Cherry Point. However, I'm writing instead to ask that you consider proceeding with removing it.

Jobs and revenue, both on an individual and governmental level, are the lifeblood of our economy. If Cherry Point and the shipping industry didn't exist it would take a significant toll on the livelihoods of both Whatcom county citizens and tax revenues for the county, which in turn support policies that provide benefits for our citizens on numerous levels. In light of Covid-19 all economies have been hit, including oil and shipping. To intentionally cause our economy to suffer further based off of fear of repercussions of oil spills during transport (despite stringent regulations in place), is unwise both from an economic and pragmatic standpoint.

Rather, I encourage you to take the leap of faith to support policies which both maintain and create new jobs and revenue for the support of our citizens.

Disclaimer: I do not have any family members or friends who work at any of the refineries. My uncle is a Puget Sound Pilot (piloting freighters and oil tankers through the Sound).

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Best regards,

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