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Honorable Councilmembers ,

I used to live in Bellingham but I am no longer one of your constituents. I now live on San Juan Island but, interestingly, your action could have a dramatic effect on my wife and me. If you were to remove the moratorium that limits pass-through shipments of unrefined fossil fuels you will jeopardize the health and safety of not only your constituents but the residents of your neighboring counties on the Salish Sea, particularly San Juan County. To protect the people of multiple counties I am urging the Council to act once more for our common interests.

Please continue the moratorium on permits that would increase the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels through Cherry Point.

Furthermore, I encourage the Council to move forward with a new zoning ordinance to implement development regulations in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan policies for Cherry Point that passed in May 2017.

As fuel demand dropped this Spring, we've seen surplus oil moving through Cherry Point from trains onto ships for storage. Opening the door to further increase unrefined fossil fuel transshipment would needlessly place all of us at undue risk with no benefit. Now is not the time to remove what minimal protections we have in place.

Thank you for your hard work and diligent service to date.

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