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From: Karen Russell <karenrussell1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Council <Council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Subject: Whatcom County needs to renew the Cherry Point Moratorium

Dear Whatcom County Council,

I'm writing to you ahead of the hearing on Tuesday, June 2nd. As a Whatcom County resident, I strongly urge you to extend the ordinance protecting Cherry Point.

I moved to Whatcom County two years ago from Chicago, and it was a breath of fresh air -- literally. I've gotten so accustomed to the better air quality here that when I travel back to Illinois to visit friends, my sinuses go into full revolt. Water quality is worlds better too. I was shocked the first time I went to Whatcom Falls Park and saw people swimming there. I couldn't help but recall the creek near my childhood home, that no one would dream of even touching, much less splashing around in. The cleanup efforts on that creek have been going on for decades, and I still wouldn't swim in it. I'm sure back in the day, everyone thought, "it's just one more facility, one more factory, think of the jobs!" And now everyone in the entire region, for generations to come, pays the price.

The forests and oceans, clean air and clear water are a huge part of what makes Whatcom County a desirable place to live. No amount of corporate money, no number of jobs in a dying industry, is worth damaging that. Please vote in favor of our future by extending the moratorium for another six months.

Thank you for your consideration and thoughtful leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Karen Russell
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