

**FW: Extend the Moratorium in the Interest of Jobs!**

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Dear County Council Members,

I support a continuation of the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in Cherry Point Urban Growth Area. Expanding fossil fuel facilities at Cherry Point is the absolute wrong direction for our economy and our environment.

Large brokerage firms are already divesting from fossil fuel companies as the world transitions to clean energy. I am concerned that the impact on jobs will be severe over the next decade in Whatcom County with our over-reliance on two large refineries. The closing of Intalco might just be the tip of the iceberg. County leadership and the council should be focused on developing new clean energy industries and jobs at Cherry Point. This transition to a new economy for Whatcom County starts with voting yes on continuing the moratorium.

Thank you,

Ellyn Murphy

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