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To you all please read the attached letter. If you may have any questions please let me know.

Thank You
John P. Huntley
President
Mills Electric Co.

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Dear Members of the Whatcom County Council,

As a lifelong resident of Whatcom County and business owner, I urge you to not pass a ninth Cherry Point moratorium and to express my concerns regarding the amendments you are proposing to Whatcom's Comprehensive Plan and County Code. Your proposal will hurt the businesses that depend on Cherry Point which will in turn have far-reaching damaging effects on our community. This is especially true as we rebuild our economy as we recover from the COVID 19 crisis.

Below are just a few consequences that will result from your changes as they are currently written:

☒ Thousands of well-paying jobs will be endangered ☒ Hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue will be lost ☒ Investments at Cherry Point will cease, preventing growth and innovation ☒ Businesses will pick up and leave our community ☒ Funding for our schools, public safety, and many other county services will be diminished

While I have serious concerns about your proposed Cherry Point amendments, I have appreciated the thorough and inclusive review of the amendments done by the Whatcom County Planning Commission. If you must move forward with the Council's proposed Cherry Point amendments, please let the Planning Commission finish its work and please use their recommendations.

Finally, the Whatcom County Council also needs to work on a plan to help encourage employers to stay and locate here. We need regulations that help employers maintain and create jobs so that our neighbors can maintain their quality of life; so that our children's schools will be funded, and our businesses at Cherry Point continue to bring multi-million dollar investments to our economy.

The Council needs to work with business and labor to help employers provide the family wage jobs Whatcom needs. Let's all work together to create as much economic certain and stability as possible.

Sincerely,


John Huntley Mills Electric