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Whatcom County Council,

As you meet to discuss the moratorium of Cherry Point for the 9<sup>th</sup> time, I implore you to please consider recent events and the economic impact to the area.

Alcoa isn't coming back. We lost an opportunity for more refining earlier this year. Businesses are still reeling from the impact of COVID 19. I still feel however, the true economic impact will be felt until later this year when we know how many small businesses aren't reopening and when Alcoa's displaced workers can't find living wage manufacturing jobs and all the ancillary business that served Alcoa no longer have that business. Those jobs provided income to the county and cities.

While I understand the need to be prudent in allowing development, the economic benefits have to play some part of this decision. It can't always be just environmental factors. There has to be a way to develop the area that will both be economically beneficial and environmentally responsible. It doesn't have to be one or the other and after 8 extensions of this moratorium, it is time to stop kicking this down the road. Whatcom County needs industry that can supply good jobs and a good tax base.

PLEASE lift the moratorium.



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