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Dear Whatcom County Councilmembers,

I want to express my opposition to the Cherry Point moratorium, and further suggest that you thoughtfully reconsider your proposed Cherry Point amendments. The moratorium needlessly adds uncertainty in an already precarious business climate for the biggest economic driver in Whatcom County – Cherry Point. Additionally, the dramatic changes within the Council’s Cherry Point amendments are cause for great concern as we also find ourselves in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic which is and will have dramatic and still unknown impacts on Whatcom County’s economy.

The residents of Whatcom County rely on you to create opportunities and success for our economy, however, your proposed regulatory changes to Cherry Point will have the opposite effect. The industries at Cherry Point have provided your constituents with family wage jobs and have indirectly supported countless others while also contributing hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes to our local economy. We simply cannot afford to lose these industries because of your shortsighted changes.

Cherry Point industries supports the livelihood of hundreds of Whatcom County families, including mine. Our children rely on the tax revenue for their education, the community relies on the taxes for its public safety and infrastructure improvements. Instead the Council needs to focus its efforts to help employers recover from the economic damage caused by the pandemic. Thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of tax revenue is at stake.

The Whatcom County Planning Commission has made many recommendations that should be seriously considered before taking any further action on the Cherry Point amendments. I also urge you to work with industry and business leaders to ensure that any regulatory action is for the benefit of our business community and overall county residents.

With all the uncertainty we face today, let’s not create more.

Thank you,

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