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Subject: Vote NO on the Cherry Point moratorium

Dear Whatcom County council, and Executive Sidhu,

I am fairly certain that this email will be lost in the masses of emails. Emails using the same template, sent in large numbers from out of county, emails sent by no one at all. You have each seen the masses of Cherry Point supporters filling the first level of the courthouse (spilling out onto the steps) ready to make public comment to plead with you to see the value that these industries at Cherry Point provide and to end the moratorium. You've seen these people, many times outnumbering those in support of extending the moratorium. You know the truth.

- Our county post COVID 19 is a much different county than we were going in. We have lost Intalco, and have no accurate tally of how many other businesses won't make it through as a direct result of the shut down. We know there will be massive cuts across the board as a result. Any reduction to the tax base at Cherry Point will negatively impact each and every one of us. Especially our most vulnerable.
- Whatcom county has world class refining facilities that are leaders in innovation, and safety. To stunt growth and drive them out of our county does nothing to further an end goal of a transition to renewable energy. We need to create an environment where these companies are welcomed and supported. Able to build, evolve and continue their journey to clean energy, the "just transition" we hear so much about. Driving them out today to be some sort of environmental martyr will do nothing but take opportunities from communities in Whatcom and hand those opportunities elsewhere.
- You recently received an email from RE sources that made claims that these cherry point industries offer no benefit to our communities. We know that's far from the truth. The list of non profits and community based organizations these companies contribute to is endless. They answer every call, most recently being an invaluable resource to Unified Command. Everything from monetary donations, supplies and providing invaluable key contributors to your Unified Command structure. I fact recently former council member Carl Weimer, from Pipeline Safety Trust, testified in front of council that our community is absolutely safer because of what the refineries offer.

Satpal, you are seeing this vote for the first time as OUR executive, and not a council member. This community needs you to set aside party politics and do what offers the best path to the future for Whatcom County. I'm asking you, PLEASE, to be ready to enact your executive power of veto if this

emergency moratorium is passed by the council again. We are counting on you.

I can go on, but I'll be happy if even one of you read this far.

Thank you for you time,

Lindsey Graham Elenbaas

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