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Dear Council Members:

We write to submit our concerns related to the proposed extension of the “interim” moratorium on expansion of exporting facilities at the Cherry Point Industrial Zone. As this has already been extended far too many times, we are concerned with the limitation of the County’s ability to respond to the current economic crisis we are experiencing!

The curtailment that is to occur at Alcoa’s Intalco plant will leave hundreds of Whatcom County families without jobs and income. The County should be exploring EVERY opportunity to attract new employers to the Cherry Point area, as well as expanding the prosperity of existing businesses across the region.

We strongly encourage Whatcom County Council to REFRAIN from passing a further extension and instead begin to collaborate with business leaders and stakeholders to develop and implement a robust recovery in response to this unprecedented economic downturn.

Sincerely,

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