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Honorable Councilmembers ,

The fossil fuels moratorium at Cherry Point is important, and my family and I urge the Council, once more, to re-up this moratorium.

By continuing to support the moratorium you are protecting the people and natural resources of Whatcom County from risky expansions that would bring more crude oil, tar sands bitumen, fracked gas, propane or coal through our towns, farmland, and waterways. Not only are these technologies fallible, but when they fail, they fail big. Crude oil is awful to have to clean up. It's deadly, including to eelgrass, Cherry Point herring, orcas, all the living creatures along the transfer route - and to people.

My family and I encourage the Council to move forward with a new zoning ordinance to implement development regulations in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan policies for Cherry Point that passed in May 2017. As documented by Re Sources, policy makers, social science and more, to address the risks and harms from hazardous shipments through our county, we can improve Whatcom County Code to ensure transparency about proposals and their impacts, accountability to meet standards for public safety and environmental protection, and more public participation in the process for reviewing permits for projects with significant impacts.

We hope the council will complete this important and thorough rulemaking process within six months.

As fuel demand dropped this spring, we've seen surplus oil moving through Cherry Point from trains onto ships for storage. Opening the door to further increase unrefined fossil fuel transshipment would needlessly place us at undue risk with no benefit. Make sure that you protect the minimal protections we have in place.

Thank you sincerely for your diligent service to our communities. I know that you take these decisions quite seriously. It's a difficult action each time, I realize, since potential crude oil jobs for people are always involved. But there are ways to train people and to support well paid, valuable and sustainable energy jobs, and that's what **must** be done by our businesses, government and

society as we transition for an inevitable future. Let Whatcom County continue to be a leader on this. Stand strong. Thank you!

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