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From: Bonnie Barker <laiajlovina@gmail.com>
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To: Council <Council@co.whatcom.wa.us>
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Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

You are in the critically important position of being central to protecting planetary life by safeguarding our food chain, with its cradle at Cherry Point. It is a sacred place.

As a resident of Whatcom County, I'm writing to urge you to extend the ordinance protecting Cherry Point from fossil fuel exports.

Whatcom County set an example when we passed this moratorium in 2016. The Planning Commission has worked towards a permanent set of policies for almost a year now, and allowing the moratorium to expire now would undermine all of their work.

Our community has faced numerous fossil fuel expansion projects in recent years, and many more have been proposed in our neighboring communities up and down the coast. Some of these proposed projects risk derailment and explosions, oil spills, offshoring jobs, violations of treaties and significant increases in the carbon pollution that's causing climate change. Until you have updated the land use policies to ensure that future fossil fuel projects will meet environmental and safety standards, this moratorium is absolutely crucial.

Please vote in favor of our future by extending the moratorium for another six months while the permanent ordinance language is developed.

Thank you for your consideration and thoughtful leadership on this important issue. I look forward to joining the hearing this Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Barker
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