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AB2020 – 217 Comments

Dear Whatcom County Council,

With the imminent closure of the Intalco aluminum plant and other severe local economic damage due to the coronavirus lockdowns, one would think that our county's elected representatives would *reconsider* their economically destructive policies restricting the development of Cherry Point. Sadly, this is not what we are seeing. In times of prosperity, pushing a radical, unscientific, feel-good "green" agenda may be a forgivable offense, but now that we are facing an economic downturn that could rival the Great Depression, we need our elected leaders to put politics aside and do what is truly best for our entire community. I urgently appeal to the Whatcom County Council to cease and desist with the political games, prove that you care about the Intalco workers facing the loss of their jobs, prove that you care about the schools and cities losing tax revenues--especially Ferndale and the Ferndale School District--and make it clear that Cherry Point is fully open for business and will remain open for business.

Sincerely,

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