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To the members of Whatcom County council,

I am writing on behalf of my family and many other families that would be negatively affected if anything was to happen to the industries at Cherry Point.

Cherry Point industries employ over a 1000 workers that live and thrive in Whatcom County. By shackling the industries with moratorium after moratorium, I am fearful that the current companies will no longer find Whatcom County a hospitable place to continue their business ventures. Thus causing an already volatile economy to suffer even more. The amount of taxes lost by said industries would be devastating to all. Not to mention the amount of property taxes lost by all the employees who would undoubtedly have to relocate would devastate schools in Whatcom county.

Industries at Cherry Point are leaders in the renewable energy field. They are some of the safest and cleanest refineries in not just the United States, but the world.

I encourage you to thoroughly read the economic impact paper put together by Western Washington economic professor Hart Hodges. The loss of Cherry Point industries would be an event that Whatcom County would most likely not be able to recover from in our lifetime.

Please, make the right decision.  
Gretchen Hovde