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Dear Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council:

I am opposed to opening Cherry Point to the shipping of fossil fuels. NOW is not the time to affirmatively pass on an issue that has been and remains controversial. At a time when we face two huge issues: COVID19 Pandemic and intense civil unrest, government at ALL levels must be seen as trustWORTHY.

If you act in the affirmative on this issue now, you will be viewed as using two large threats that preoccupy citizens attention in order to get fast track an issue which is divisive and controversial. And that's the best case scenario. The other is that you will be viewed helping big fossil fuel companies further their interests while the Whatcom County is fighting a pandemic and fending off civil unrest—then you are viewed as manipulative and Machiavellian.

Please, take the LONG view. This area, this country, this planet needs to wean itself off fossil fuels. Take a step that helps us all, not just a few.

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