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Whatcom County Council,

I am asking that you all take a step back from the intra-council rhetoric that I witnessed during the last meeting and picture Whatcom County without the employment and livelihood that the oil and gas industry has provided our county and community for decades. Please vote against this moratorium.

There are a number of other (essential) industries that impact our county that you could call out and address. Here are few that you could just as easily target: 1. The Port of Bellingham, which is a major source of noise and air pollution brought by the Bellingham International Airport and water pollution driven by 100s of boats and companies that utilize the harbor that The Port manages. 2. The agricultural industry which has a tremendous impact on the environment through the use of pesticides and fertilizers in addition to the and waste the industry produces. 3. Western Washington University, which brings 15-20,000 waste producing transient students into our community each year who consume tons of packages goods, bring 1000s of incremental vehicles onto our roads and Drive our County to use exponentially more of our scarce resources than we would without them. 4. The retail industry, which not only imports tons of non-essential products to our county, but is the source of massive pollution brought by the vehicles and land use that the those from out of county bring into the county everyday (Canadians, etc). I could continue to list a number other essential industry targets for you to consider as a team. I'm not an oil and gas experts. I'm a 24 yr vet from the tech industry that has been able to call Whatcom County home for some time who believes that there are other industries or threats to the people of our county that you could burn time and bandwidth on. From what I have read, by the comparable statistics with other industries, oil and gas is relatively safe. The positive impact on the county's livelihood through oil and gas employment and philanthropic efforts has to be #1 amongst all industries in Whatcom County. I suggest you pick on something else.

Thanks for reading/listening,

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