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Whatcom County Council
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Dear Whatcom County Council,

As Business Representative of Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters, I represent 2,000 workers (Carpenters, Scaffold Erectors, and Millwrights) in the North Puget Sound area, many of whom work out at Cherry Point.

I am asking that you vote NO on renewal of the Cherry Point moratorium. I also want to convey the Carpenter's continued concern regarding your proposed Cherry Point amendments. Our economy has obviously been changed dramatically. We all must work together to create certainty in an increasing uncertain world. As we all try to navigate the economic challenges resulting from the COVID 19 crisis we need to do our best to cultivate a more certain business climate that creates the jobs my members need to support their families.

The Cherry Point moratorium should not be renewed because it is unnecessary and does prevent the Council from further consideration on your proposed Cherry Point amendments. I would also like to remind the Council that the Carpenters also have great concerns about those proposed amendments. Your regulatory amendments for Cherry Point will have a profound effect on our county's economy by singling out one critical industry at Cherry Point to the detriment of your constituents.

Capital investment by businesses requires some sort of economic and regulatory stability and certainty to mitigate as much potential risk as possible to help ensure a return on that investment. For years, Cherry Point has benefited from that certainty in Whatcom County and has attracted millions of dollars in investments to the industrial zone, enabling its refineries to become the fourth-largest on the west coast of the United States and providing the capital needed to invest in 21 st

century operations. That capital investment creates the jobs we need now for my members. The businesses at Cherry Point have become leaders in alternative and renewable energy development, however, your changes would create more uncertainty and hinder this progress.

The nine fossil fuel moratoriums you have passed in addition to the pending regulatory changes have created an environment of regulatory uncertainty that has already had a detrimental effect. We must all be concerned that Whatcom County will no longer be seen as a location for sound investment, especially as you consider these unprecedented and far-reaching changes.

Please put the residents and businesses of Whatcom first and do not renew the Cherry Point moratorium and tread very carefully in any consideration of regulatory changes to Cherry Point.

Thank you,

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"Put carpenters to work with area standard wages and benefits!"

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