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Dear members of the Whatcom County Planning Commission,

Attach you will find a letter from the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters. The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters represents over 28,000 carpenters, piledrivers, drywallers, millwrights, trade show workers, shipwrights, exterior/interior specialists, scaffold erectors, industrial & mill workers, insulators and related craft workers who work together on the job and in their communities to maintain and improve safety, wages, benefits, training and working conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

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Whatcom County Planning Commission
5280 Northwest Drive
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Dear Members of the Whatcom County Planning Commission:

Thank you for the work you have done to review the County Council's proposed regulatory changes affecting Cherry Point. Our region and the members of the NW Carpenters Union depend on the thousands of family-wage jobs that Cherry Point provides. The County Council's proposed changes for Cherry Point are a cause of great concern, and we appreciate the thoughtful recommendations you have made.

Throughout the Planning Commission meetings, you have heard from many unions, businesses, and community leaders who will be affected by these regulatory changes at Cherry Point. These leaders have made it clear that approving these changes will devastate Whatcom County. We have already seen some of the effects of the uncertainty this entire debate has caused. Businesses have closed, investors have taken their money elsewhere, and jobs are leaving our area. NW Carpenters Union members and their families depend heavily on the jobs at Cherry Point. Refineries have provided local family wage jobs for years and we urge the Planning Commission to do all they can to protect those jobs.

The recommendations you have proposed so far are a good start, but there are still important issues to address. We ask that you continue to work with the Cherry Point refineries to address these outstanding technical and definitional issues.

With the additional challenges of COVID 19, our country has been through a lot these last several months. Our local leaders should be doing all that they can to protect our jobs and the County's tax base for the benefit of our children's education and our public safety. We can't afford to threaten Cherry Point jobs and businesses. With 10,000 jobs potentially impacted, and public services at risk of losing hundreds of millions in tax revenue, the NW Carpenters Union asks that you continue to work with industry and address our concerns to provide the County Council with thoughtful feedback and recommendations. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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