

Lisa Bruner

From: Gatlin McConnell <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Council
Subject: Protect Jobs In Whatcom County. Support Cherry Point.

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Sincerely,

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From: Lance Hansen <user@votervoice.net>
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The charity alone and how the cherry point industries support Whatcom county alone would leave a gaping hole in the local community. Also the loss of a 1 billion dollar renewable fuel refinery, when we are supposed to be leaders in renewable fuels, was I believe shutdown in part due to these restrictions. Be a part of the solution not ruining local jobs and communities. As a local citizen I want to see our area thrive and hopefully get a new biodiesel fuel refinery going.

Sincerely,

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From: James Concannon <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Council
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From: Amanda Brown <user@voterveice.net>
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