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Whatcom Planning Commission
5280 Northwest Drive
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To the members of the Whatcom Planning Commission:

As the President of the NW WA Central Labor Council, we represent more than 10,000 working families in Whatcom County, many of whom work out at Cherry Point.

My Comments are a continuation of my previous comments to County Council, and conversations regarding Cherry Point and its economic impact on our County. We continue to support the industries who are located at Cherry Point, and the multiple vendors and servicers from around the County who provide goods, services and support to those Whatcom County Jobs. We support ideas that will allow workers and their families to earn family wages, and we support private sector jobs that provide taxes from the industry and the families of Whatcom County to pay for services that citizens of a civil society require in order to prosper.

We are looking for common ground to finally put an end to ongoing temporary moratoriums which do not provide certainty to business or to working families about their future and ability to provide for their families. We are looking for a way to demonstrate to our citizens that the stability of funding for our civic services is a priority for our elected and appointed leaders. And we believe that the language of the Joint Industry/RE Sources proposal that has been submitted to the Commission is an important validation of those principles.

For the most part, the Planning Commission process has been transparent, inclusive, and has resulted in some constructive changes, and dialogue. The joint code revision proposal will, I hope, be included in your final recommendation to Council.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if Labor can provide any information that you might require.

Sincerely,

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