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Dear Planning Commission,

As a practicing physician and President of a statewide health advocacy organization I am greatly concerned about the health impacts of fossil fuels. There are dangers to human health at every stage of the product cycle from extraction, to transport, to storage and finally to burning for energy. If we are to preserve a habitat conducive to human existence for future generations we need to rapidly get our economy off of fossil fuels. Furthermore health impacts are being felt right now. Recent studies reveal that the health risks of air pollution are higher than previously estimated and that the cost savings from reductions of air pollution related illnesses and heat related illnesses alone would more than offset the costs of meeting the Paris agreement targets in the US. For the health of your local community and communities across the country and the globe we are asking you to extend the moratorium on new fossil fuel transshipment facilities at Cherry point and limit any expansion of existing refineries and terminals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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