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**From:** Kelly McConnell <prvt@2ezgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2019 9:46 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Cc:** Todd Donovan; Barry Buchanan; Rud Browne; Satpal Sidhu; Tyler Byrd; Barbara Brenner; Carol Frazey  
**Subject:** Support moratorium and Cherry Point amendments

Honorable Councilmembers,

As a voting US citizen and neighbor of Whatcom County, I urge you to extend the moratorium on permits that would increase the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels through Cherry Point. I'm not a resident of Whatcom County so I understand that my voice is only as relevant as you care to make it. I live on Pender Island, in the Salish Sea, just a few miles northwest of Anacortes so I will be affected by any new fossil fuel infrastructure in the area.

I also support Council action to move forward with a new zoning ordinance that will make fossil fuel facilities require conditional use permits and more thorough SEPA review. This ordinance is important to ensure transparency about proposals and their impacts, accountability to meet standards for public safety and environmental protection, and more public participation in the process for reviewing permits for projects with significant impacts.

I support action to the greatest extent of your power to protect the people and natural resources of Whatcom County from risky expansions that would bring more crude oil, tar sands bitumen, fracked gas, propane or coal through our towns, farmland, and waterways.

I hope this will be the last time this temporary moratorium needs to be extended, as we will see the new ordinance proceed with review by the Planning Commission in a timely manner so the council may make their final review and vote for approval of code amendments this Spring.

Thank you for your service to our county,