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Honorable Councilmembers,

I am in fact not a voting citizen of Whatcom County. I am a staff member of Whidbey Environmental Action Network. I live and work in Island County, which, being composed of islands, is particularly vulnerable to decisions made by you concerning fossil fuels and their shipment in and through the Salish Sea. Along with many Whatcom County citizens and on behalf of Whidbey Environmental Action Network I urge you to extend the moratorium on permits that would increase the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels through Cherry Point.

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 and the Salish Sea 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 Whatcom County and the Salish Sea.

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