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TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Doralee Booth, Birch Bay

RE: Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities in the Cherry Point urban growth area, the primary purpose of which would be the shipment of unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point (AB2018-077B)

Bad planning can affect new and current business growth and good planning can protect the environment and also continue to enhance and help economic growth and tax revenue for the whole county. I am including a very good article on

BP...”The Oil Giant that was Forced to Shrink to Greatness.”

I hope you take time to read it! It is a powerful example of how a large competitive oil company has to evolve and change for it’s survival.

The businesses in the Cherry Point Industrial Zone pay more than \$200 million in taxes each year – which pays for

everything from schools to public safety to general government services. The Birch Bay community is fortunate to be BP's neighbor and is the beneficiary of BP tax dollars.

BP pays 26% of the Blaine School District levies, bond issues and capital facilities levies. 26% of the funds for the construction and remodel of Blaine High School will come from BP. BP is also a major contributor of tax dollars to Blaine Birch Bay Park and Recreation District and BBWARM - Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resource Management District.

The Cherry Point businesses also support the Whatcom County community by making more than \$1 million in charitable contributions each year. BP Cherry Point Refinery provided funds to build the BP Heron Center for Environmental Education in Birch Bay State Park. BP makes a generous contribution each year to the Friends of Birch Bay State Park to facilitate the robust Summer Environmental Education Program in the State Park and to operate the BP Heron Center. BP Cherry Point Refinery shares our shoreline, our concern for the environment and is a responsible neighbor and partner to the Birch Bay community.

Let's make sure that the language in this ordinance is balanced with economic hope for the future flexibility of Cherry Point and the sensible protection of the environment. Can we find that common sense compromise?...the future of Cherry point may hang in the balance!

