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Good Monday Morning Council, and Executive Sidhu.  
Attached to this email, is a letter from Laborers local 292 on behalf of the 1400 working Men and Woman that we represent.  
Please review, we hope that this will serve as a sample of the feelings and will of our members, which work in the Refineries at Cherry Point, and many of which are your constituents.

I would like to add, that we (Laborers local 292) have testified consistently, many, many times on this continuing issue. Our members are starting to get to the point, where they feel not only disenfranchised by this process, since we come to talk to you about this on a regular basis over the last 4 years, but that the Council as a body, is not interested in finding solutions, or even letting the Planning Commission continue their work. But instead is more concerned with the optics of letting the Moratorium expire, without having achieved a very stated goal, of eliminating their jobs from Whatcom County. We have also not seen anything, that would replace these living wage jobs, in the County even proposed, in the last 4 years.

The Unfortunate situation at the Alcoa Intalco Aluminum works, is a prime example of what will happen, if those jobs, which have a very significant impact on our Community are not replaced with similar, Living Wage jobs, and are instead pushed out as inconvenient. 700 of our neighbors, friends, Brothers, Sisters, Mother and Fathers, are going to be displaced, with no alternative of a living wage career in whatcom County. We realize that this is not related to the Cherry Point Moratorium specifically, but it is an example of what will happen, if those jobs are lost, without a Just Transition, to another industry with comparable wages and benefits which would have to be in place *Before* the other industries are lost.

Especially in these Historically Challenging times, we are looking for solutions, and alternatives, that do not leave working families behind. That is what we are looking for from you, our elected leaders. Extending this Moratorium, is *not* the Solution.

We, at Laborers local 292 do support the clarifying language that Councilman Browne, has proposed to this 9th Extension of the Moratorium, to make it Publicly clear, that the Moratorium does not include, Bio Diesel, or Alternative lower carbon fuels production or transportation, including the raw materials to manufacture those same

alternatives here, at Cherry Point.

Thank you for your time and Attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if we can be of any assistance in this or any other matter.

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*" The Ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

*- Martin Luther King Jr. -*