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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

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We write to respectfully ask, as you plan and build the "C1" expansion of Concourse C in SeaTac Airport, that an interfaith prayer and meditation room be included.

We are grateful for the Commission's previous attention to the need for a prayer and meditation space at SeaTac. And, we commend your efforts, efficiency, and hard work last fall to hear concerns of the faith community on this issue, and to follow up by reopening the prior meditation and prayer space.

**Rabbinic Organization
Representatives**

Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Rabbi Moshe Kletenik

As you know, the current room, though aesthetically pleasing to be sure, is less than ideal, as it is only usable before security, and for passengers with an hour or two at the airport, it would be nearly impossible to access between flights.

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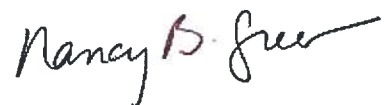
A prayer and meditation room in the C1 expansion, after security, would be much more accessible. This new room would bring SeaTac Airport in line with other major international airports in thoughtfully carving out a quiet space available for prayer and meditation. This room would serve as a warm welcome for travelers from around the globe of many faiths.

As previously expressed, while Jews do not *require* a special room to pray, a peaceful space is appreciated. And, in order for Jews to be able to utilize this space the issue of paramount importance is that there be no religious symbols of any kind in the room.

We understand the Commission's tough task to balance many competing priorities in limited and precious airport space. And still, we recommend the creation of an interfaith prayer and meditation room in the new C Concourse expansion. This room would be an important and usable space for people of all faiths, will serve as a reminder of our

nation's support for religious freedom and celebration of diversity, and help SeaTac create an open and inclusive environment for people of all backgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy B. Greer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a red dot above the letter 'B'.

Nancy B. Greer, President & CEO
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