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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Shifley. I am a Seattle resident and member of the 350 Seattle Aviation Team.

As mentioned in the Commission Briefing Memo for Agenda Item 9(A), air travel through Sea-Tac dropped dramatically. This presents the Port of Seattle a unique opportunity to evaluate re-imagine airport operations and growth with an eye on our community's short term, and long-term, well-being.

Prior to COVID-19, emissions from fuel pumped at Sea-Tac made up about a quarter of King County's GHG emissions, before even considering that aviation emissions have a 2-4 times greater climate warming impact than on-the-ground emissions. Sea-Tac traffic also exposes communities -- mostly lower-income and non-white communities -- to disproportionately high levels of air and noise pollution.

Now is the time for the Port to think about how economic recovery can occur without returning to pre-COVID levels of air traffic, which impacted communities and the climate cannot bear.

Thank you,
Sarah Shifley