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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to reiterate serious concerns regarding emissions and pollution from Sea-Tac Airport operations.

As many have previously testified, GHG emissions from Sea-Tac operations make up a huge percentage of our region's contribution to the climate crisis. According to [King County's 2017 GHG emissions inventory](#), that year's aviation emissions, based on total fuel used, totaled 7,168,000 MgCO<sub>2e</sub>, or nearly a quarter of the county's emissions. And that's without considering that aviation emissions have a [double to quadruple times greater warming impact](#) than on-the-ground emissions. If we do not significantly reduce aviation emissions, they will eclipse any reductions achieved in other sectors and lead us into an greater climate crisis.

Aviation is also a serious environmental justice issue. The Department of Commerce's [Draft Sea-Tac Airport Effect Study](#) shows that communities hammered by air and noise pollution from Sea-Tac operations are less white and lower income than the rest of the state. However, they see little to no measurable benefit from Sea-Tac operations. In other words, they bear all of the burden and none of the benefits.

The Port has repeatedly said that it is committed to sustainability and equity, yet it has done nothing to reduce climate-destroying aviation emissions or address the disparate impact aviation pollution has on low-income communities and communities of color. This is shameful.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.  
Sarah Shifley