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Commissioners,

I am Laura Gibbons, a Seattle resident, and a volunteer member of the Aviation Team of 350 Seattle, a group that works for climate justice.

My family is in the east and Midwest. I would love to have sustainable air travel so that I could visit them without damaging the climate. Recently the concept of sustainable airplane fuel has risen to the forefront again. While this would be a wonderful thing to have, sustainable fuel, I need to call your attention to why it is currently unfeasible.

The only way to scale up biofuels in the next decade at least would be to import palm or soy oil, and these crops are key drivers of deforestation and the resulting environmental destruction, the net impact actually being an *increase* in carbon emissions. There is also the issue of asking people in other countries to change their land use and all the social and political upheaval that causes, just so we can use airplanes.

Unfortunately for me and for the Port, for the foreseeable future, the only climate-preserving solution is reducing aviation.

Sincerely,

Laura Gibbons