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Dear Port Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Shifley. I am a Seattle resident and volunteer with 350 Seattle's Aviation Team. I am writing to provide comment on agenda items 8b and 8c.

Agenda Item 8b. While you consider issues related to the Aviation Flight Tracking, Permanent and Portable Noise Monitoring, and Complaint Management System, I would ask that you acknowledge that the [majority of noise pollution from Sea-Tac Airport operations impacts low-income communities and communities of color](#) while the majority of people flying on planes in and out of Sea-Tac airport do not come from these communities. I would also ask that you acknowledge the impact of noise pollution on airport-impacted communities, such as [increased rates of cardiovascular and other physical health conditions](#) and lower learning outcomes for students. You are responsible for this environmental injustice -- please stop ignoring it.

Agenda Item 8c. You are being asked to approve spending \$62 million dollars to upgrade a few restrooms at Sea-Tac. (I would note that this is **40 times** greater than what you are being asked to spend on the Aviation Flight Tracking, Permanent and Portable Noise Monitoring, and Complaint Management System.) Why are you pouring money into a project to improve the odor and "passenger experience" in a few airport bathrooms while at the same time continuing to ignore the air quality destruction and environmental injustice Sea-Tac operations engenders? How can you justify spending this amount of money on a few bathroom upgrades while ignoring the harm Sea-Tac operations are having on the climate and airport-impacted communities? I would ask that you not approve this project.

Thank you,
Sarah Shifley.