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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.