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Commissioners,

The proposal in Agenda item 10c that we, as taxpayers, pay more for the Port operations in 2021 and the following two years is outrageous. You must reject this resolution.

People living under SEATAC flight paths already pay with their health, due to the well-documented adverse effects of the air pollution and noise. As I often mention, these adverse effects fall disproportionately on people of color and those with low income. But that's not enough, you want all of us -- including those burdened by air and noise pollution -- to pay more taxes as well. In the meantime, you are taking steps to *cut* costs for aviation corporations.

As you know, the 2017 King County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory shows that flights from SEATAC are a major source of CO₂ emissions, with an even larger impact when the non-CO₂ warming effects of contrails are accounted for. I don't want to pay any taxes that support Port operations if you continue to let this happen. On the other hand, I would gladly pay more taxes if they were being put towards planning the degrowth of aviation that is necessary to avert climate catastrophe.

I find current plans unconscionable. Reject Resolution No. 3780.

Sincerely,

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