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To the Port of Seattle,

My name is Sharla Dodd and I am a concerned Seattle resident. My comments are in regards to the Port's proposed 2021 federal legislative agenda (item 11a).

If the Port truly supports "comprehensive solutions to address the climate crisis" as stated in Executive Director Metruck's memo, then the 2021 budget and all future planning should do more than pay just lip service to this goal. We have less than a decade to halve our current emissions if we hope to avoid ever-worsening climate effects. Even Commissioner Felleman recently reminded us that we're in an "urgent time for the climate and our community's health."

The Port's largest contribution to the climate crisis is almost certainly emissions from aviation fuel burned (and the Port must acknowledge the undisputed fact that aviation emissions warm the climate 3x as much as previously assumed). If the Port is hoping to be part of a comprehensive solution to the climate crisis then a drastic reduction in emissions from fuel burned must be achieved. The only real way to do this is to drastically reduce aviation activity (instead the Port is pushing to double Sea-Tac flights). The Port must NOT increase Sea-Tac capacity, thereby increasing aviation emissions, and must instead work towards being a part of the climate solution with its actions, not just in words.

Furthermore, leaning on biofuels is not the panacea the Port purports it to be. Biofuels do not reduce emissions from fuel burned, and any emissions reductions achieved by their usage would be quickly outweighed by increased emissions from increased flights.

I urge the Port to pursue legislative and regulatory changes that will lead to a meaningful reduction in air travel. This is the only way to address aviation's contribution to the climate crisis. There is beauty in the simplicity of this solution. We cannot continue to live in the manner we have become accustomed and the Port must lead us as we navigate our way out of our self-created crisis.

Please confirm that you have received my comment,
Thank you for your consideration,
Sharla Dodd