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Dear Port Staff,

I am emailing a written comment (see below) for the Port Commissioners' regular meeting on January 12, 2021. Please confirm receipt of this comment and ensure that my comment is distributed and read prior to any vote on agenda item 11. Additionally, please summarize my comment as follows: "In regards to agenda item 11, Ms. Dodd urges you to acknowledge that the majority of emissions from Sea-Tac are caused by fuel burned by airplanes so any efforts to minimize emissions from facilities operations mean nothing without concurrent attempts to reduce Sea-Tac's flight activity."

Thanks, Sharla

OFFICIAL COMMENT:

To the Port of Seattle Commissioners,

I applaud your stated goal to eliminate the Port of Seattle's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 (agenda item 11, "2020 Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy and Port of Seattle's Climate and Air Action Plan) but I fear that your plan is short sighted as it focuses largely on emissions from the Port's brick and mortar facilities. As the vast majority of Sea-Tac's greenhouse gas emissions are generated by airplanes burning fuel, this strategy will not have a meaningful impact without a concurrent sustained push in immediate degrowth in Sea-Tac's sheer number of incoming and outgoing flights. A reduction in Sea-Tac's facility emissions is an important component to net zero GHG emissions by 2050, but any reduction in this area would be MORE than negated by the increased flight capacity that is being planned at Sea-Tac during the same time period. To achieve the Port's emissions reduction goals there must be a dramatic reduction in aviation activity - and we cannot waste time in beginning to take decisive action in this direction. As Port Commissioners and community leaders we need your strong commitment in moving toward the realization of a carbon neutral future. Nothing short of this will allow us all to continue to thrive on this planet.

Thank you for your time, Sharla Dodd