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Thank you. Here is the written material to go along with my oral testimony today:

Commissioners,

I looked at the materials for your [Study Session on Economic Recovery](#), and I am disturbed.

Any plan to "recover" to previous levels of aviation is short-sighted, since it ignores the economic costs of the climate devastation resulting from aviation, and is completely incompatible with your 2030 target of a 50% reduction in Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions from 2007 levels.

I am very bothered by your claim to have an "Equity Framework". If you truly cared about equity, you would not plan for a "recovery" in aviation, since there is no equity when you look at who flies and who pays the environmental consequences, both locally and globally. The top 1% of the world population who fly most is responsible for 50% of all emissions from aviation (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959378020307779>). Meanwhile, the WA State Dept. of Commerce SEATAC Airport effects study shows that SEATAC-impacted communities, compared to the rest of King County, have lower household incomes, lower educational levels, poorer school performance, higher rates of unemployment, and are significantly more diverse

(<https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/rmi8sie7ivpy4wqjrfwgwdiosj2jebc0>, <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-topics/sea-tac-airport-impact-study/>, also look at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/WashingtonTrackingNetworkWTN/InformationbyLocation/WashingtonEnvironmentalHealthDisparitiesMap>). Similar inequities have been documented across the country (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5844406/>).

These communities suffer adverse health effects from ultrafine particles and noise, including potential negative effects on the brain, and on the cardio-vascular, nervous, and respiratory systems, and higher rates of preterm births. We have provided you these citations many times, and include links again in the written version of these comments (See Washington State Department of Health, "Summary of Health Research on Ultrafine Particulates," downloadable at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/SearchResults?q=diaz#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=ultrafine%20particles>).

Also see the fact sheet or full report at <https://beaconhillseattlenoise.org/> and the following selection of articles:

<https://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/abstracts/environmental-noise-guidelines-for-the-european-region-2018>

<https://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f5561>

<http://www.trb.org/main/blurbs/170328.aspx>

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/650787/IPOL\\_STU\(2020\)650787\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/650787/IPOL_STU(2020)650787_EN.pdf)

<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.1307115>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0013935116305461?via%3Dihub>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/10/20201021085106.htm>

<https://news.cornell.edu/stories/1998/03/airport-noise-harms-children-effects-endure>

<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/EHP7161>

<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/full/10.1289/EHP5732>

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ab4942/pdf>.

Commissioner Felleman was quoted in the South Seattle Emerald saying "... we're going to continue to find ways to help build back better." A **reduction** in aviation would be a key component to a green and equitable future. That's how we build back better.

Sincerely,

Laura Gibbons

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On Monday, February 22, 2021, 3:20:16 PM PST, Commission-Public-Records <[commission-public-records@portseattle.org](mailto:commission-public-records@portseattle.org)> wrote:

Thank you for signing up to give public comment via MS Teams at the February 23, 2021, Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

Join us via your mobile or laptop device on Teams or call into the number provided below at **11:30 a.m. PST** on Tuesday February 23, 2021 in order to be marked present and ready to speak. A member of port staff will join the call to take a roll call of the names we have listed and go over the procedure. Please plan to call from a location with as little background noise as possible.

You should expect to be on the line for between 30-60 minutes as we dispose of preliminary business on the agenda and we hear from other public commenters. While it's not possible for us to predict how many people will comment on February 9, we expect individual comment time to be limited to two minutes and all rules of order and decorum will apply as usual.

If you have any questions please let us know. We appreciate your dedication to public health and your interest in participating in the Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

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I would like to make a public comment at Tuesday's Port meeting.

Many thanks,

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