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Dear Port of Seattle Commission Staff,

My written comment for the Port's 2/23/21 regular meeting is below. Please summarize it as follows: "The Port of Seattle needs to seriously pursue aviation degrowth as it's the only way to achieve its own emission reduction goals. There is no equitable path to aviation recovery other than immediate and drastic degrowth."

Please confirm that my comment was received.

Thank you,  
Sharla

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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

I am concerned that the Port of Seattle is moving forward with business-as-usual rather than actively addressing the impending climate catastrophe let alone truly acknowledging its necessary role in emissions reductions. The Port needs to move towards an equitable, timely and effective plan that will immediately and drastically decrease aviation and thus decrease emissions. We have spent the last few decades dallying with incremental solutions (switching to biofuels for example) and now only bold action will suffice to feasibly combat the climate situation we as humans have created.

In regards to the Port's Study Session on Economic Recovery and its Equity Framework I argue that if equity is truly a goal then there should be no aviation "recovery". Locally and globally aviation's environmental consequences are largely borne by those who contribute the least emissions. The pandemic has made clear the inequities of the current system and indeed exacerbated said inequities. Instead of planning for a recovery the Port should focus on the continued degrowth in aviation. This would be the logical path toward meeting the Port's own stated target of halving its Scope 3 GHG emissions from 2007 levels.

Thank you,  
Sharla Dodd