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Dear Port of Seattle Staff --

Below is a written comment for the Commissioners' May 25 meeting. Please let me know that you've received it and that it will be submitted. Also, please summarize the comment orally during the meeting as follows:

There is now even more consensus that, for us to have an environmentally and economically stable future, aviation activity must be limited or reduced. The International Energy Agency -- whose missions include promoting secure and affordable energy supplies to *foster economic growth* -- just released a report calling for replacement of short flights with rail and limiting longer business and leisure flights to 2019 levels (by 2050). As you listen to the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission presentation this afternoon, please remember that It is no longer tenable -- either environmentally or economically -- to consider expanding aviation activity.

Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners --

My name is Sarah Shifley. I am a south Seattle resident and member of 350 Seattle's Aviation Team.

Today, you are receiving a presentation from the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission regarding expanding aviation capacity in the region. During this presentation, I would ask that you also consider the following recommendations from the International Energy Agency (IEA), whose missions include promoting secure and affordable energy supplies to **foster economic growth**.

In this [recently-released report](#), the IEA calls for **short flights to be replaced by rail, and most critically, for long-haul leisure and business flights to be capped at 2019 levels** (by 2050). If not swiftly and significantly addressed, the climate crisis will also be economic crisis. Since aviation remains one of our region's largest contributors to the climate crisis, now is the time to chart an equitable path toward aviation degrowth, a path that includes mitigating the harms done to airport-impacted communities and ensure stable employment for those currently working in the aviation industry.

Thank you,
Sarah Shifley