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Port of Seattle Staff,

Please let me know that you've received my written comment (below) for the Commissioners' 5/25 meeting. And please summarize my comment as follows:

For an environmentally and economically secure future we must work toward an immediate and effective limitation/reduction in aviation (the opposite of the planned expansion in our region). The IEA just released a report calling for replacement of short flights with rail and limiting longer business and leisure flights to 2019 levels by 2050.

Port of Seattle Commissioners,

While listening to the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission's presentation in regards to current plans to expand our aviation capacity I urge you to keep in mind the following recommendations from the International Energy Agency (IEA), whose missions include promoting affordable and secure energy supplies that will aid economic growth.

The IEA recently released a report that calls for short flights to be replaced by rail, and for long-haul business and leisure flights to be capped at 2019 levels, by 2050. The climate crisis will quickly become an economic crisis as well if effective immediate action is not taken. As aviation is one of our region's largest contributors to the climate crisis this is where we must start. To work toward an equitable degrowth of aviation we must ensure stable employment for current aviation industry employees and work to mitigate the harms done to airport-impacted communities.

Thank you for your time,
Sharla Dodd