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Dear Forum Participants and City of Federal Way leaders.

I have been a Federal Way resident since 1980, now living in the Crown Point neighborhood, south of Marine Hills and off of Dash Point Road. I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the expansion of SEA airport without meaningful restrictions and mitigation of the frequency and noise level of passenger and cargo jets taking off over our neighborhood. Jet planes are taking off southbound every minute or less during the day at altitudes of 2,500 feet (FlightAware) over our home and neighborhood and often “cut the corner” instead of passing The Commons Mall waypoint before heading west. Prior to the completion of the 3rd runway and pre-pandemic, the frequency and noise level of south flow jets were tolerable. However, post-pandemic and after full operation of the 3rd runway, the noise level from rumbling and spooling up of jet engines on southbound takeoffs has created a significant environmental health hazard significantly impacting my family’s physical and mental health. My sleep is seriously disrupted and I wear ear plugs in my home during the day, while walking at Redondo, and while sleeping. These low altitude overflights also spray fine particulate matter from jet engine fuel that create public health hazards (cardiovascular and respiratory diseases) for our local community members. Our elderly and children are particularly at risk.

I have reported noise concerns using the Port of Seattle’s Mobile Comment Box. Unfortunately, the jet frequency and noise level of overflights have increased. I request meaningful mitigation and flight restrictions, as well as thoughtful investigation of the community environmental health impacts of SEA airport expansion. Our community needs our local city leaders to protect our health and well-being by ensuring appropriate remediation, mitigation, and restrictions are in place as part of any revised SEA airport plan.

Please contact me should you have questions.

Regards, Pat

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