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Dear Governor Gregoire,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen and taxpayer, residing in_____.

There is a strong movement taking place in Snohomish County to bring commercial airline service to Paine Field. The effort is led by a few developers and the politicians they support. Changing the status of Paine Field is more than a local issue; it affects the entire region. Therefore, I'm urging you to closely monitor and participate in the process.

- You have appointed the LATS panel to determine a site for another airport in the state, why not request that the panel's work be consistent with growth management act, updated with new economic realities and finished before any action is taken at Paine Field.
- You are a leader in potential use of stimulus funds. The Everett Herald and local airport proponents suggest the County could seek funding from the state's stimulus dollars to build a terminal at Paine Field. As taxpayers, we believe it would be totally inappropriate and counter to your efforts as Governor to use stimulus funds to change a region.
- Doing so would reduce home values, reduce tax revenues, adversely impact the learning and health environment; all in an effort to try and lure leisure dollars out of the region with a promise to produce a limited number of low paying support jobs.
- You recognize the significance of the relationship between government and the people. The MRD is the agreement that paved the way for rezoning 8000 acres from industrial use to residential. It calls for the County to support Boeing and general aviation and strongly oppose scheduled air service.
- Every homeowner who built or purchased property since 1978 believed the MRD served as protection against commercial expansion. The document has been reaffirmed six times. The MRD is a covenant between government and the people - it should be honored.
- The Mayors and City Councils of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, and Woodway oppose expansion at Paine Field. They campaigned, they know their citizens and the unanimous opposition to commercial service at Paine Field is a reflection of the voters.
- Local FAA has made false assertions regarding a threat to federal funding and the good faith negotiations requirements. The county can strongly discourage and still meet the good faith negotiation with airlines requirements.
- Paine Field is utilized by the largest employer in Snohomish County, the Boeing Company. I urge you to work with our elected representatives in Congress to protect the region and keep Paine Field as a quasi exclusive

resource for Boeing. Urge them to take modify the "Centennial Rule" to apply to Paine Field. That will allow for FAA funds to help maintain the airport without the FAA strings. If a similar airport in Colorado could do this without a Boeing manufacturer, then why can't the state of Washington get it done?

- We urge you to help promote the Light Rail option to/from SeaTac and other efficient ground transportation options
- We urge you to support use of SeaTac and the increased capacity of the Third Runway so the port can cost effectively retire that public debt without threat to state funding as backup collateral to this project.

I look forward to your reply.