

October 18, 2019

The Honorable Jimmy Matta
City of Burien
400 SW 152nd Street
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Mayor Matta,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 20, 2019 listing several questions about noise and other impacts from aircraft operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

We welcome continued engagement with you about how Sea-Tac and its surrounding communities can work together to foster economic opportunity, environmental sustainability and quality of life. These shared values are fundamental to our mutual success, and I believe deeply that the Port is more committed than ever to maximizing the benefit of the airport to your residents while simultaneously doing as much as possible to address community concerns.

In our detailed responses attached, we have tried to explain and, where necessary, correct certain misperceptions about airport activities. We welcome this opportunity to provide clarity.

I hope that the clarifications provided are received in the spirit they are intended. Greater understanding, clear communication and opportunities for productive progress form the basis for collaboration and mutual success. Forums, including the Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) and the Highline Forum, enable us to identify productive solutions to community concerns. I welcome further conversation about how we can form deeper partnerships to develop positive outcomes for all, with all parties held to the same standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AP Metruck".

Stephen P. Metruck
Executive Director

cc: Burien City Council
Port of Seattle Commission
City Administrators/Managers/Mayors of the cities of Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and Tukwila
The Honorable Eileen Cody, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Joe Fitzgibbon, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Mia Gregerson, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Karen Keiser, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Joe Nguyen, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Tina Orwall, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Mike Pellicciotti, Washington State Legislature
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Washington State Senator
The Honorable Patty Murray, Washington State Senator
The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Washington State Representative
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Washington State Representative
The Honorable Adam Smith, Washington State Representative

Enclosure