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Ms. Barbara Hall
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RE: FAA Aircraft Noise Complaint and Inquiry System (FAA Noise Portal)

Dear Ms. Hall:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposal to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to implement a voluntary information collection process as part of your agency's efforts to address aircraft noise complaints and inquiries. Having a single point of entry to the FAA for such matters should provide a more efficient and clearly defined process for submitting complaints and information from citizens and communities that experience the impacts of aircraft noise pollution.

As the host community to the Sea-Tac International Airport our residents and property owners have experienced increasing noise impacts as flights for both the passenger and cargo operations have increased over the past several years. Growth at Sea-Tac has been tremendous and the associated noise from aircraft has increased not only in perceived volume but in frequency and duration throughout the day and night-time hours. As both the FAA and the airport more fully implement NextGen we have heard frequent comments from our residents and businesses about the increasing noise issues throughout the community. Having an accessible public link to help identify issues and provide direct input to the FAA is a welcome addition to your on-going efforts to more closely communicate with affected parties in a highly transparent manner.

However, in order for the noise portal to be a real benefit, the FAA's responsiveness to submittals should be individualized, timely and transparent. Each response should not only acknowledge the issue raised but also address the comment and provide clear articulation of what, if anything can be done to address the issue. If there is no direct solution that can be identified and provided, a clear explanation as to why, is a necessity.

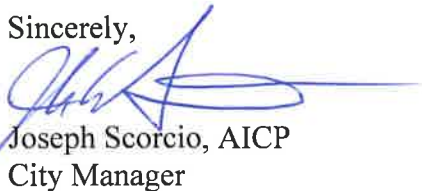
We also believe that a systematic feedback loop should be established by the FAA with both the airport administration and the City government in which the facility is located so that all involved parties are aware in a timely manner of the issues raised and the FAA response to those issues.

The City of SeaTac and the Port of Seattle have recently adopted an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that will help move the community and the region forward by establishing appropriate mechanisms to address current and on-going impacts of the airport and its operations within our City Limits. Our City's economy greatly benefits from the airport's presence and our future growth is tied to the on-going success of Sea-Tac. But so too, is the quality of life of our residents and businesses. For this reason, how noise issues are addressed and mitigated are key to keeping this a great place to live, work and recreate. However, because most noise issues are directly impacted by the FAA's decisions on the location of current and planned flight paths, the ILA is unable to address these concerns in a meaningful way.

I want to thank you again on behalf of the City of SeaTac for the chance to comment on the FAA proposed noise portal and offer any assistance we can as you move this important initiative forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want additional information or assistance. We look forward to continued progress in working with your agency to protect the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

c.c. City Council
Airport Advisory Committee