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Port of Shelton Commissioners
21 W Sanderson Way
Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Port of Shelton Commissioners,

The League of Women Voters does not support a regional airport hub being built in Shelton. We believe this project would directly affect the City of Shelton and the surrounding county with significant negative impacts, such as;

- Safety (catastrophic events)
- Noise from commercial planes and associated additional traffic
- Increased traffic and associated safety issues
- Air pollution
- Property value decline

The infrastructure for additional airport traffic to connect to major commercial highways from Shelton is woefully lacking. Mason County highways are inconsistent as far as the number of lanes and access to on-ramp configurations. This currently causes major backups during rush hour or in the event of an accident.

The negative effect of a regional airport hub does not limit itself to people and property values, but could also affect wildlife and domestic animals. What is the plan to mitigate disturbance to the elk preserve and livestock in adjacent areas to Sanderson Field? Also, pollution discharged from aircrafts would adversely affect our air quality; the streams, rivers, and our wetland water quality.

Home prices fall dramatically being close to an airport mainly because of the noise and air pollution emitted by both airplanes and the increased traffic. It is one's choice to buy a house that you know is located by an airport and quite another to have an airport regional hub imposed on your neighborhood.

Our concern is that an airport hub would increase our air pollution, noise pollution, water pollution, traffic, decrease property values,

Since one of the Port's first stated responsibilities is "representing public interest", we implore your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Karen Herr
LWVMC Co-President