



Snohomish County

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The Snohomish County Council is in receipt of your letter of May 12, 2008 expressing interest in negotiating the initiation of commercial air service from Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field).

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This morning Joint Resolution NO. 08-020, "Reaffirming Snohomish County's Commitment to Preserving Paine Field's Existing General Aviation Role and Pursuing a Joint Interlocal Agreement" was introduced. However, due to the absence of two of five members of the Council, action on this resolution was postponed until June 4, 2008. The resolution is attached.

In the mean time, we the three members of the County Council present wish to make clear to your firm and to our citizens our strong opposition to commercial air passenger services from Paine Field.

In particular, we hereby state our commitment to preserving the 1978-79 Mediated Role Determination (MRD) and Snohomish County's subsequent reaffirmation of the MRD in 1989, 1992 and 2001.

Furthermore, we are committed to oppose any Snohomish County budget actions that promote or facilitate commercial air passenger services from Paine Field.

An understanding and appreciation of the long history of this issue makes clear our need to reiterate Snohomish County's commitment to protecting our citizens' quality of life.

Respectfully,

Mike Cooper
Council Vice-Chair

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