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Oregon Department of Aviation,

I own a home in the Charbonneau District and I am writing in opposition to the expansion of the Aurora State Airport for the following reasons:

The noise from the jet traffic is already a significant nuisance that interferes with our quality of life here, but even more than that, a lot of times the noise comes with the fear that maybe today, or tonight, the roar of another jet flying low overhead could suddenly become a tragic missile falling out of the sky onto my house, or my neighbor's house. Unless you are awakened early in the morning by a loud jet or helicopter passing low and vibrating the ceiling of your bedroom, you can't understand how the idea of numerous jets thundering overhead causes real fear.

A lot of people move to Charbonneau for the golf course and other amenities, but I moved here because I appreciate the quiet and the safety of the community. A larger airport next door with more traffic overhead puts a big dent in that reasoning. It will also most certainly put a big dent in the value of my house when I have to sell. Will the ultra rich jet owners care? No. Will the equity firm CEO who owns the aviation company care? No. I know that. The reason I am writing is that I hope you care. I assume you are Oregonians, and that you will carefully consider how your decision affects me and the other Oregonians in this community, whose well-being is in your hands.

After listening to other neighbors who have done research related to this issue, I believe that unless one owns a Lear Jet or wants to make more money off the Aurora Airport, it is not logical to expand to accommodate larger jets when there are four other airports (close by jet) which already have full aviation services, passenger facilities, safety equipment, and existing runways of the appropriate length.

I also can't help but believe it wouldn't be fair use of public funds to spend what will no doubt be millions of dollars more than planned (because what boondoggle ever comes in on budget?) in order to serve a small, elite market.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this crucial issue.

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