

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Senator Patty Murray  
U.S. Senate  
2988 Jackson Federal Bldg.  
915 Second Ave  
Seattle WA 98174

Dear Senator Murray,

As you know, the March 14, 2019, Record of Decision (ROD) by the Secretary of the Navy added 36 Growler jets to the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island. The decision means that the community I represent will see a significant increase in jet noise.

The constituents of my district value the Navy's defense of our country and many of the benefits it brings to the community. However, there is concern among many of my constituents that the predictive models used to measure the impact of the jet noise in the Navy's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relied on averaging the sound over time. They are concerned that this does not adequately reflect the noise impact on local communities.

In order to more accurately understand the issue, I believe it is necessary to systematically measure the decibel levels of the jet noise across a number of locations in order to evaluate the impact of the noise on our community.

I believe the noise monitoring should be conducted by an independent third party and the collected data be available to the public on a systematic and ongoing basis.

Thank you for your service to our state and nation. I will be reaching out to your office in the upcoming weeks to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Washington State Representative  
10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

cc: The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Suzan DelBene, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Rick Larsen, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Derek Kilmer, U.S. House of Representatives