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The Honorable Senator Patty Murray
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Dear Senator Murray,

The March 14, 2019, Record of Decision (ROD) by the Secretary of the Navy which added 36 Growler jets to the Navy Air Station on Whidbey Island has created great concern to me and my constituency. As a result of this decision, numerous complaints of disturbingly high levels of jet noise has disrupted the community I represent.

I stand with our armed forces and the proud service members that keep us safe. I also recognize the need to rectify the current problem of hazardous jet noise that has resulted in reported hearing loss. Specifically, the problem lies with the Navy's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which used models for averaging the sound over time instead of addressing the real level of Growler jet noise.

A possible solution could be to measure the noise produced in real time and to record decibel levels and the duration of that noise at several locations. A reliable third party monitoring jet noise throughout the Growlers' flight paths is highly encouraged as is making these findings available to the public for optimal transparency.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service to our nation. I look forward to working together on a solution that works for everyone and provides a path forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Lovelett".

Senator Liz Lovelett
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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