

United States Senate

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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

I am writing in support of the Port of Port Angeles' application for a \$200,000 Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant to support new commercial air service between William R. Fairchild International Airport and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The Port of Port Angeles is seeking a SCASD grant to help reinstate commercial air service to the William R. Fairchild International Airport. Specifically, the Port is working to recruit an air carrier to provide five daily flights to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport using a 9-seat aircraft. This effort complements a March 2015 initiative by the Port of Seattle, which operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, to provide new air service incentives for small communities currently underserved in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Port Angeles and the surrounding communities have seen direct impacts on residents and businesses since commercial air service to William R. Fairchild International Airport ended in November 2014. The Olympic Peninsula is a remote rural area with limited travel options. It takes at least two hours to reach Seattle-Tacoma International Airport or the greater Seattle area by car. Reestablishing air service would provide more efficient travel options to these urban centers and beyond. It would also support economic growth by making it more convenient for visitors to reach the Olympic Peninsula for tourism and recreation opportunities and serve as an incentive for business development in Port Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration of the Port of Port Angeles' application. Please contact Shavenor Winters in my Washington, D.C. office at 202-224-2621 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator