

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Bill Wyatt
Executive Director
Port of Portland
P.O. Box 3529
Portland, OR 98208

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

We are writing to urge you to reconsider alternative 9A as part of the Port of Portland's Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Study. This alternative could produce significant noise mitigation benefits for residents of Southwest Washington.

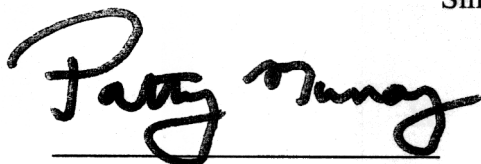
We are aware that the process of evaluating noise mitigation alternatives for the Part 150 Study is ongoing. Several alternatives that would have positive impacts on the communities of Southwest Washington remain under consideration. Unfortunately, the one that would benefit Southwest Washington the most has been eliminated by the study commission: alternative 9A.

Several members of your study commission have indicated that alternative 9A would cause significant noise reduction for more than 6,500 people in the Vancouver and Portland areas.

While we recognize that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may not choose this alternative, we believe the overwhelming benefits that 9A would provide to the citizens of our state should be enough to bring the matter directly to the FAA.

We urge you to reconsider 9A and to include it in your final submission to the FAA.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator