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The second and third page contain two separate letters which you can print.

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Sign and send.

Thank you!

Honorable Senator Cantwell
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell,

It has come to my attention that your office is not aware that San Juan County has a noise problem with the Growler jets based at NASWI. We have been sending you letters and email and making phone calls for the last two years asking for your attention and your assistance in mitigating the huge Growler noise intrusion affecting our county.

The San Juan County Comprehensive Plan states: "...the islands are places of peace.... We support a pattern of economic growth...which recognizes the rural, residential, quiet, agricultural marine and isolated nature of the islands."

This is why most of us moved here. We have chosen to live without the amenities of the city. We definitely did not choose to live in a war training zone.

The Navy has consistently misrepresented the impacts of the Growler jet. It is much noisier than previous aircraft based at NASWI. The use of afterburners on every Growler takeoff carries low frequency noise and vibration across the water and deep into San Juan County, noise which the Navy refuses to measure. As the Growlers fly low over the islands they emit a loud and prolonged roar that disrupts normal interactions. The Navy leadership's apparent inability to both acknowledge the excessive noise and proceed with mitigation have undermined trust.

We are asking for your attention and **IMMEDIATE** mitigation. The noise is affecting our property values, our use of our lands, our health and our well being. Representative Larsen has suggested Six Mitigation Points. It's a start.

- 1) Reducing noise from engine testing by building a Hush House.
- 2) Reducing engine noise by adding chevrons which could muffle jet noise without sacrificing engine performance.
- 3) Reducing Future flights by using software which could reduce the amount of training pilots need before deploying to a carrier.
- 4) Expanded sound monitoring which would include adding sound measurements in San Juan County to the current Environmental Impact Statement.
- 5) Growler Schedule for Ault Field.
- 6) Improved use of data from the San Juan County jet noise website.

Please begin working with us - with the Navy and our County government - to implement jet noise mitigation.

Start with #5 and immediately publish a weekly schedule of training events at Ault field. The Navy does this for the Outlying Field at Coupeville but refuses to share their schedule for Ault Field. A training schedule would allow us to plan our days and nights around the relentless noise of Field Carrier Landing Practice and over flights.

Please schedule a meeting in the near future with San Juan County Councilman Jamie Stephens to discuss an action plan for mitigation.

Sincerely,

Honorable Senator Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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