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August 2, 2022

David Fleckenstein, Chair  
State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission  
[FleckDa@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:FleckDa@wsdot.wa.gov)

Dear Mr. Fleckenstein,

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (Board) received your email on behalf of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) July 20, 2022, regarding its work for expanding aviation capacity.

On July 10, 2020, you were informed the Board voted unanimously to not be listed as a sponsor to explore the development of a green field airport in Thurston County. In an email from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) dated July 25, 2020, the Board was notified Thurston County was removed from the list of potential commercial service expansion.

Since that time, the Board received concerns from citizens that the Olympia Regional Airport was placed back on the potential list for commercial service expansion. In response, the Board wrote a letter dated January 4, 2022, prior to the vote of CACC to include Thurston County as an option, reiterating its stance, that it will not support or sponsor a commercial service airport expansion in Thurston County.

During the CACC's work the Board has upheld its stance with its community in dissent of Thurston County being considered for the expansion of commercial aviation services.

It was noted WSDOT will be reaching out to County Public Works and Planning for feasibility input, for convenience the department directors have been cc'd. Thank you and if you have further questions, please reach out to County Manager, Ramiro Chavez at (360) 754-2960 or [Ramiro.chavez@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:Ramiro.chavez@co.thurston.wa.us).

Attest:  
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County Manager/Asst. County Manager

  
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Gary Edwards, Commissioner

CC: Jennifer Walker, Director of Public Works  
Joshua Cummings, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development