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To: calkins.r@portseattle.org

Hi, Ryan,

Thank you for meeting with me and several other members of People for Climate Action on Thursday, February 6th.

We appreciated the frank discussion we had about the third cruise ship terminal, the Port's growing greenhouse gas emissions, and the lack of a comprehensive, measurable plan for reducing those emissions at a pace consistent with the Port's own goals spelled out in the Century Agenda Strategy 4.

As we indicated in the meeting, the Century Agenda objectives of tripling air cargo volume, tripling outbound cargo, doubling the value of cruise traffic and doubling the number of international flights are a recipe for increased rather than decreased carbon emissions. And as long as the Port increases its emissions, it continues to contribute to global climate disaster.

We expect the Port, like Seattle and King County, to adopt a comprehensive climate action plan, to measure its progress toward reaching its emission reduction goals, to report on that progress, and to accelerate actions to reduce emissions if goals are not being met.

We have one information request: Can you please share the Port's calculations of Scope 3 emissions for the cruise ship, maritime cargo and aviation sectors?

You made clear the political difficulty that the Port Commission faces in considering approaches that don't promote endless

economic and jobs growth. However, as you acknowledged, there are excellent opportunities for green businesses in Elliott Bay. We hope the Port will take a more active role in developing a just transition for workers, so they can be part of the climate solution rather than accelerating climate destruction.

We thank you for your leadership in exploring the possibilities for making the Port a West Coast base for such green-energy projects as deep-water wind and tidal energy generation. This is exactly the kind of economic shift that could lead the Port toward a more climate-friendly business model. We are prepared to support any concrete steps taken in this direction.

However, the benefits of more green business will be overshadowed by growing pollution from fossil fuels if the Port continues to grow dirty business lines and fails to develop policies that can meet the climate goals in Strategy 4 of the Century Agenda.

We stand ready to work with you on efforts to lower the Port's carbon footprint.

~Elizabeth Burton

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