

**My name is Stephen R. Sander and for the past 36 years my wife and I have resided at 24715 NE Prairie View Drive, Aurora, OR. For many of those years, we enjoyed a quiet neighborhood and street of half-acre lot homes. But in the last several years all that has changed. We have the misfortune to be located directly in line with the flight path for planes landing from the north into the Aurora airport.**

**Years ago air traffic was light, normally only in daylight hours, and the planes were usually small single or twin engine craft, which were certainly noticeable, but not annoying. But that has all changed and not for the better. Now large corporate jets (some the size of small airliners), and now also Lifeflight helicopters, line up their approach literally over our house, all hours of the day and night. When the wind direction changes, they take off the other way and head north over our house.**

**The proposed extension of the Aurora airport runway will only make this situation worse. A longer runway will allow more and larger corporate jets, and perhaps air freight and even commuter flights into the Airport. This will only lead to more congestion of both air traffic and vehicle traffic on the area roads. Airport road has been transformed from a quiet country road to a racetrack that quickly becomes a parking lot at the first sign of trouble, at which point the traffic starts cutting down our street, often at 40-45 mph (speed limit signs of 25 are meaningless). I avoid Airport road as much as possible because it is nearly impossible to turn left from Prairie View Drive onto it and if heading north on Airport Road from Canby, you will nearly be run off the road trying to slow down enough to turn right onto Prairie View.**

**This proposed expansion of the Airport will only benefit a few people, at the expense of many others. All of this has to date been done in a totally non-transparent way, to the exclusion of many of those most affected North of the airport and in Charbonneau and Wilsonville. If there is a need for an airport expansion, it should be located in Salem, at a facility much better suited for such air operations and not opposed by any surrounding communities.**

**Thank You,  
Stephen R. Sander**