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David Fleckenstein Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission, Chair WSDOT Aviation PO Box 47361 Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Mr. Fleckenstein,

The South Lewis County (SLC) Airport is classified by the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems as a general aviation (GA) facility, categorized as a "local" airport providing access primarily to intrastate and some interstate markets. The Washington State Aviation System Plan and the Washington State Long-Term Air Transportation Study classify the SCL Airport as a community service airport. The South Lewis County Airport Master Plan of 2017 includes planning and projects necessary to promote and accommodate increased general aviation traffic and activities at the airport. The Airport Master Plan does not address promoting or accommodating commercial or freight aviation at South Lewis County.

As the owner of the SLC Airport, Lewis County requests that the South Lewis County Airport be removed from the analysis considering airports that could provide significant commercial service. Lewis County is not supportive, nor will we take steps, to expand the airport runway to accommodate either large commercial air service or air cargo operations.

If the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission has any recommendations that may inform the County's plans for expanding general aviation at the South Lewis County Airport, we would be pleased to receive them.

We thank you and the members of the commission for their work.

Respectfully,

Gary Stamper, BOCC Chair

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

Sean Swope, Commissioner