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RE: Island County Public Health Complaint

I could not attend your meeting today due to my work schedule.

As a noise victim, I want to make sure you know that I am convinced by my doctors, the facts, the data, health workers, scientists, doctors, and researchers, and other declared victims that noise is a public health issue in our community.

Over 50 individuals gave public testimony to health harms experienced from military jet noise. Politics has unfortunately interfered with public health interests. Like Governor Scott Walker in Florida who banned any discussion about climate change by public employees – the Chair of the Island County’s Health Board wrote a Resolution that makes any action to educate or protect the public from potential harm – none of their business.

In fact, the only Board of Health leaders who spoke up about the dangers of noise were the only two people who have any medical background and experience with public health -- Brad Thomas and Grethe Cammermeyer. No one else on the Island County Board of Health, including the chairperson, has any medical experience to say that noise is NOT a public health issue. We have not asked the Board of Health to interfere with Navy jets, but only to take measures toward public health protection and prevention of harm. This is within their realm of responsibility. Local actions can be taken to prevent and or mitigate health harms.

Other public health employees are afraid for their jobs if they bring up their concerns about jet noise. This is political intimidation – not good public health policy.

We hope you will investigate our complaint and keep politics to the background of public health policies – not the foreground. Your board is part of the checks and balances of our democratic system.

Respectfully, Maryon Attwood

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