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The Honorable Richard A. Jones

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON, CITIZENS
OF THE EBEL'S RESERVE FOR A
HEALTHY, SAFE AND PEACEFUL
ENVIRONMENT; and
PAULA SPINA,

NO. 2:19-cv-01062-RAJ-JRC

Plaintiffs,

DECLARATION OF
[REDACTED]

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
THE NAVY, et al.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and under penalty of perjury, I, [REDACTED], declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify in this matter. The information in this declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
2. I reside at [REDACTED], Coupeville in Admirals Cove in Washington. I have lived in Admirals Cove for 7 years.
3. I am a supporter of COER. I started following COER on 10/04/2017 because I am concerned about the escalation of Grower flights at the OLF field and the disruption and health impacts to me, my family and the environment.
4. My wife and I settled here to live out our life in retirement. We began by making our property and home a place where we can be creative and share the natural beauty with our community. Most of our time and money for improvements were invested in outdoor living, gardening and a shop. My wife loves to spend days working in our

1 many vegetable, herb and flowerbeds on the property. I also enjoy working on the
2 yard and tinkering in my shop. I love working on cars and boats as a hobby. We enjoy
3 late afternoons and nights sitting at our fire pit and enjoying the beauty we created on
4 our property. Ebey's Landing, the town of Coupeville, nearby hiking and ferry rides to
5 Port Townsend are frequent destinations for us, doing business with the locals, and
6 enjoying the exquisite beauty of the nature of this place.

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5. Throughout the summer months of 2019 most of our hobbies and lifestyle choices were disrupted by the increase Growler jets flying at OLF. I was unable to work on a several major car and boat projects. The metal walls and open doors of the shop do not dampen jet noise. Overflights make it impossible for me to concentrate and trust my senses all of which are essential for safety and quality work. The project was delayed by months as a result. Our favorite annual local musical festival was cancelled due to the increase of Growler flights this year. We were chased indoors repeatedly because of the unbearable noise, interrupting gardening, barbeques, outdoor dining, fireside nights under the stars, and more. Even indoors our sleep, TV watching, reading and conversation were all nearly impossible. On several occasions my wife or I have had to close ourselves in a walk-in closet in order to make a phone call. In addition, I had numerous medical appointments and procedures this year with specialists; for each of those appointments there were late night flights the night before making me unnecessarily unrested and anxious. I have countless more examples.
 6. We now must plan our projects, property management and entertainment after having received notice of the coming week's flight schedule. Something as simple as choosing the date to take our recycling to the Coupeville deposit is determined by if jets are flying at OLF in which case we can't go. We have to time outdoors tasks such as working the gardens, working on cars in the shop in the short windows of time that are not disrupted by jet noise. Even the chore of mowing is unsafe during overflights as their excessive sound is disorienting, especially when navigating the riding lawnmower. The biggest challenge we face is not being able to enjoy our home, our land and our lives on any given day, especially when the weather is nice. With the increase in overflights we have had to find places away from home for meals and even a quiet place to sleep. It doesn't seem fair that we are forced to consider where else to spend our time even in the middle of the week when we prefer to be home.
 7. Stress and anxiety are both heightened for me when the jets are flying, and when I anticipate they will fly. I become agitated, angry, and feel helpless in the face of the increase of Growlers overflights. I worry about my ability to care for myself and my family, to keep our home, and the stress of thinking I'll have to move away. Stress increases the flare-ups of pain I experience with sciatica, a medical condition I've been treated for extensively this year. Also, as I am prone to petite mal seizures, quality sleep is essential for preventing episodes. Without sufficient sleep, I am more

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to likely to experience seizures. When Growlers fly at night/late night, often till midnight or 1am, I am unable to sleep.

8. I used to work in an industry where, due to the noise, ear protection was required all the time. My experience of the noise of the Growlers flights is that the same ear protection (Honeywell Max Lite Foam Earplugs) I used to wear at work provides insufficient relief from the noise and irritation of the jets. There have been numerous times when a jet flew close to or over our house where the walls vibrated. The roaring sounds of a near-passing jet has often made me worry that one would crash. With the increase of activity at OLF have put a hold on enjoying life where I live, leaving me feeling I've lost that time to noise. At my age, I feel that time is precious.

9. I love our home and I retired to live here on a fixed income, to enjoy creating a community and beautiful place to live. My fear about the future if the increase in Growler overflights continues is that I'll have to give up my retirement home and the investment I've made here. With it I will lose the opportunity to enjoy a lifelong hobby of working on cars, and abandoning this beautiful island and the community we've created here.

Dated this 27 day of December 2019, in Coupeville, WA.

By: 