



## Congress of the United States

### House of Representatives

December 1, 2025

Bryan Bedford, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Ave SW, Suite 800 East  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Bedford,

As the Representative for Washington's Fourth Congressional district, I am writing to request from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a re-examination of the previous determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation for the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project in Benton County, Washington.

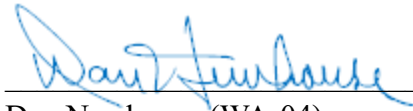
This proposed wind project would be the largest ever proposed in the state, with the potential for over 100 turbines rising 671 feet tall and spanning over 25 miles from east to west. This project would be near the 320,000 people living in Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco (the Tri-Cities) and the surrounding area, the third largest and fastest growing metropolitan area in Washington State. It would also be approximately ten miles from the Tri-Cities airport (PSC), which is the third largest airport in the state of Washington.

I share the concerns of the residents in the Tri-Cities with the proposed wind project because of potential devastating impacts to the airspace. It includes commercial flights to PSC, Department of Defense military training routes, medivac flights from Oregon to the area's only level II trauma center, and the utilization of air tankers for aerial firefighting. This project adds unnecessary and significant risks to aviation that need to be recognized and considered.

Unfortunately, former Governor Jay Inslee ignored these potential impacts to air operations and stakeholder concerns when he expediently permitted this project. These concerns were shared among a broad array of groups including state and local lawmakers and stakeholder groups. These concerns are outlined in recent letters shared by members of the Washington State Legislature and Tri-Cities C.A.R.E.S, the latter of which is a community organization that reflects a broad-cross section of constituents and formed solely out of concern of the hazards of this project.

There remains a great deal of concern about its impact on safe and reliable air operations. I believe a rigorous re-examination of the prior determination of no hazard is essential to properly and accurately assess this project's impact on the community. Thank you for time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Newhouse", is written over a horizontal line.

Dan Newhouse (WA-04)

Member of Congress

CC:

The Honorable Sean Duffy - Secretary of Transportation

The Honorable Pete Hegseth - Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Dale Marks - Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment

Mr. Robert E. Moriarty - Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations)