

Unitarian Universalist Faith Resolution Opposing Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere

WHEREAS, as a faith community, we believe love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values, we honor the interdependent web of all existence, we adapt to the changing world, we declare that every person has the right to flourish with inherent dignity and worthiness, and

WHEREAS only 0.0008% of the world's population own private jets, and it is the ultimate environmental injustice to allow a small number of the ultra-wealthy to pollute our world in such an unconstrained way which contributes disproportionately to the climate crisis, and

WHEREAS private jets are recognized as the most polluting form of travel per passenger mile for their carbon footprint, and

WHEREAS Massport, the owner of Hanscom Field airport (not Hanscom Air Force Base), has proposed an immense expansion of infrastructure for private jets which would add approximately 6,000 private jet operations a year and ~ 150,000 tons of polluting greenhouse gas emissions annually over current levels; this is **in opposition to the climate goals that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our nation have set forth**, and

WHEREAS private jet emissions from Hanscom Field airport already cancel out 50% of the climate benefits from all solar PV ever installed in Massachusetts; if the proposed expansion goes forward, that impact is expected to increase to nearly 70%—a setback that our Commonwealth and climate cannot afford,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the undersigned:

1. Recognize that we have a moral imperative to act for a just and equitable transition for a livable climate and that expanding hangars anywhere for private jets is immoral and unconscionable.
2. Stand in solidarity with frontline communities in their efforts to oppose private jet expansion.
3. Request that the Governor take all possible actions to prevent the proposed private jet expansion at Hanscom Field airport or anywhere, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if approved, we will send a signed Resolution on official letterhead to:

- Governor Maura Healey
- Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Local government officials

Respectfully,

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On behalf of Side With Love Taskforce, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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