STOP PRIVATE JET EXPANSION
at **Hanscom** or **Anywhere**
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II. Youth Resolution Template

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Youth Resolution

Opposing Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere

Dear Governor Healey,

[**ADD the name of your youth group, campus organization, or community group here.** Example: *The Boston Climate Youth Coalition* or *Students for Environmental Justice at X College*] respectfully urges you to take all possible actions to prevent the proposed private jet hangar expansion at Hanscom Field airport or anywhere for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, as Xiuhtezcatl Martinez said to the UN General Assembly in 2015, "We have to realize that what is at stake is no longer just the planet, is no longer just the environment but what is at stake right now, is the existence of my generation. What is at stake right now, what we are fighting to protect, what is in your hands, what is in our hands today is the survival of this generation and the continuation of the human race." Guided by this understanding, we see the urgency to protect our planet, our communities, and our collective future. We oppose systems that prioritize profit and luxury over people and the planet — including projects like private jet expansion that deepen inequality and accelerate climate destruction.

WHEREAS US citizens account for over 63% of private jet users globally, and the wealthiest 0.1% of the US population are emitting an average of 2.2 tons, about the weight of an SUV, of carbon per day, contributing to carbon emissions at 4,000 times the rate of the world's poorest 10%; and

WHEREAS during the COP29 climate summit in Baku, 65 private jets landed in the week of the conference — 45 of them on the opening weekend — more than double the number for the same period the previous year, highlighting the stark hypocrisy of wealthy executives attending a climate summit by flying in the most carbon-intensive way; AND

WHEREAS many of these private-jet passengers represent the fossil fuel industry, including coal, oil, and gas lobbyists (1,773 such lobbyists were registered for COP29), raising fundamental questions about the legitimacy of their participation; AND

WHEREAS, private jet sales are soaring, and **the resulting highly polluting emissions will continue to outstrip existing and forthcoming energy efficiencies;** and

WHEREAS Massport, the owner and operator of Hanscom Field airport, has proposed an immense new hangar facility for private jets which would add approximately 6,000 private jet flights a year and an estimated 150,000 tons of polluting greenhouse gas emissions annually over current levels – **in direct opposition to the climate goals that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has set forth**; and

WHEREAS the project will result in the removal of approximately 17.85 acres of mature trees and 20 acres of land alteration, resulting in significant loss of carbon sequestration and ecological habitat without a clear, collaborative plan to mitigate these impacts; and

WHEREAS, the only viable recourse to stop the expansion of private jet use is to stop hangars from being built at Hanscom, Logan, or anywhere; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, Massachusetts must stand as a beacon for responsible climate action;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, we the undersigned :

1. **Declare** that we have a responsibility to fight for a just and livable climate, and that building hangars for private jets anywhere is unjust and immoral for the convenience of the elite few at a time when the least privileged among us are already experiencing the worst of the climate crisis.
2. **Stand** in solidarity with frontline communities in their efforts to oppose private jet expansion; and
3. **Call on** you to do everything in your power to stop the proposed private jet expansion at Hanscom Field or anywhere else.

Respectfully,

[signature(s) here] **Date:** _____

On behalf of _____ *[name or title of the body/group you are signing on behalf of]*

cc: Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer, *your State Senator, your State Representative, your Select Board or City Council*