

Private Jet Expansion—

A Luxury Our Climate Can't Afford

Massport and private developers are proposing a massive 50-acre expansion of new hangars at Hanscom Field* for private luxury jets.

[*not Hanscom Air Force Base]

Private Jets are the Most Polluting Form of Travel

Transit Mode	Travel Duration	CO2e Emissions
Private Jet	2.5 hours	20 tons
Car (Gas)	1 entire YEAR	5 tons

Private jets are 10x to 14x more polluting per passenger than commercial flights, and 50x more polluting than trains. For short trips like NYC to DC, these numbers jump to:

- 45x more than commercial planes
- 1,100x more than train travel

To learn more visit: spje.org/studies

Massport's plans are a direct and immediate threat to Massachusetts efforts to combat climate change.

Private jet emissions from Hanscom alone already cancel nearly 50% of the climate gains from all solar PV ever installed in Massachusetts.

An expansion of any size would produce even further setbacks that our state—and climate—cannot afford.

Tell Governor Healey that protecting our climate comes first!



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Private Luxury Jet Travel—

For the Wealthiest Few at the Expense of us All

- 1% of the world's population cause half of global aviation emissions, and less than 15% have ever flown in a plane.
- 0.0008% of the world's population own private jets. It's the ultimate expression of environmental injustice to allow a small number of people to pollute our world in such an unconstrained way.

Emissions per Year

Source of Emissions	CO2e Emissions
One Private Jet User	7,500 tons
American Average	16 tons
Global Average	4.7 tons

At least half of private jet flights from Hanscom are used for luxury travel to resort and leisure destinations. Yet, private jet owners:

- pay no sales tax on their private jets
- get tax write-offs for the purchase of jets

These incentives have caused private jet travel to soar by 10% — the opposite of what's needed to reduce our carbon emissions to protect our climate.

By 2035, the number of private jets based at Hanscom are expected to increase more than 90% above 2012 levels.

The only way to stop this increase is to stop the hangars from being built. Not at Hanscom. Not Anywhere.



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It takes us all to win this fight.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!



Write a public comment on the developers' DEIR

[SPJE.org/DEIRtools](https://spje.org/DEIRtools)



Sign the petition to Governor Healey!

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See other ways to help or volunteer

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Donate to help win this David vs. Goliath fight

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Ask your organization to join our coalition. Email us at

info@stopprivatejetexpansion.org

From former private jet-users—

"[Flying private is] probably one of the most greedy, selfish things I've ever done in my life. . . I was gobsmacked by the fact that by being so in love with private air travel, I was willing to ignore what a horrible travesty I was perpetrating on the environment and on future generations."

—Stephen Prince in New York Times (5/5/2023) and later on CNN (7/13/2023)

"Our planet faces ecological catastrophe. Private flights are . . . morally indefensible. . . I was contributing to a catastrophic consequence that everyone else on Earth is already paying for."

—Abby Disney in The Guardian (7/20/2023)



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

- “The climate crisis is indisputable. Private jets spew tons of carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to this crisis. **Private jet travel is a luxury our climate cannot afford.**”

– *US Senator Ed Markey, Statement at 10/2/23 Statehouse Rally*

- “I know the destruction you folks intend to wreak on Massachusetts and I resent it... Please don't erect these **bogus environmental rationales** for something that has nothing whatsoever to do with relieving the crisis that faces us in terms of climate... This is all about becoming a little richer yourselves by helping people even richer than you.”

– *MA Sen. Mike Barrett, 3/4/24 to developers, Middlesex Community College public meeting*

- “**The Hanscom Field expansion for private jets is deeply problematic**, and I can't see the project bringing any benefit to the communities surrounding Hanscom or to the Commonwealth as a whole. **It certainly does not benefit our environment or help us reach our climate goals...this project will hurt the public.**”

– *MA Sen. Cindy Friedman, Sept 2023, Lexington Times*

- “**It's very important that people voice their opposition to the proposed...new private jet hangars AND continuation of the current level of private jet use in the U.S. locally, to the Governor and State legislators, and to our terrific Congressional delegation... If we are serious about putting the brakes on global warming we need to reduce the use of private jets. Building...new hangars for them at Hanscom (or anywhere else) is counterproductive.**”

– *MA Rep. Carmen Gentile, 9/4/23*

Visit our one-stop website about the proposed expansion, private jets, their climate impacts & more:

www.StopPrivateJetExpansion.org

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STATEWIDE COALITION

Campaign to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere

STATEWIDE

350 Mass, Association of Massachusetts Bird Clubs; Creation Care Justice Network in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; Elders Climate Action Mass. Chapter; Institute for Policy Studies-Project on Equality; Mass Power Forward; Massachusetts Climate Action Network; Mothers Out Front Massachusetts; No Fracked Gas in Massachusetts; Our Revolution Massachusetts; Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter; Third Act Massachusetts; UU Mass Action

LOCAL & REGIONAL

350 Mass: Cambridge-Somerville, MetroNorth, MetroWest, Newton Node, North Shore Node; Airport Impact Relief, Inc-East Boston; Bedford Embraces Diversity; Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT); Calvary Church Arlington Missions Team; Center for Biological Diversity; Chelmsford Climate Action Team (CCAT); Climate Code Blue-Somerville; Climate Action Network: Andover WECAN, ConcordCAN, LexCAN; Climate Reality Project-Boston Metrowest; Democratic City Committee: Waltham; Democratic Town Committee: Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Sudbury, Wayland; EcoNatick.org; The Enviro Show; Extinction Rebellion Boston (XR); Extinction Rebellion Western Mass (XR); First Parish in Bedford; First Parish in Concord Environmental Team; First Religious Society in Carlisle Environmental Action Committee (FRS EAC); Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station (FRRACS); Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility; Green Maynard; GrotonAyerBuzz; Hartwell Farms Homeowners Association; HealthLink; Indivisible: Concord Indivisible; IndivisibleLAB; League of Women Voters: Bedford, Concord-Carlisle, Lexington, Salem; Lexington Public Schools Green Teams; Mothers Out Front: Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Brookline, Concord, East Boston, Lincoln, Newton, Somerville, Winthrop; Our Revolution Concord Area; Our Revolution MetroWest; Quiet Communities; Restore the North Woods; Safeguarding the Historic Hanscom Area's Irreplaceable Resources (ShhAir); Salem Alliance For The Environment (SAFE); Save Our Heritage; Social Justice Commission of Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts; St. Anne's Lincoln Climate Justice Ministry; St. Mark's Burlington Green Team; St. Paul's Episcopal Church/Bedford Green Team; Sustainable Arlington; Sustainable Marblehead; The Thoreau Society; Third Act of Bedford; Walden Woods Project; Wendell State Forest Alliance

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