Drive to D.C. to Stop Aviation Air & Noise Pollution Our Journey: From July 9th to July 29th, 2021



*"Mira's Garden Organization is committed to supporting and providing a voice to aviation impacted communities throughout the world"* 

Over 33 million people in the U.S. live in health danger zones. These danger zones encompass a 10-mile radius around the top 25 airports.

A two-day "Aviation Solutions Summit" is underway to bring together community activists, scientists, and legislators throughout the nation and the world.

Inspired by the grass-root efforts of young environmental pioneers such as **Greta Thunberg** in Europe and **Jamie Margolin** in the United States, 10-year-old activist Mira Palosaari and her dad Kent will make an historic journey across the United States, leaving Seattle on **July 9th** and driving an electric vehicle to Washington, D.C. There they will meet with legislators, cabinet members, and other environmental leaders to raise awareness and generate *results* for this crucial time in history for this important cause.

In August of 2019, Greta Thunberg took a boat across the Atlantic, because flying is harmful to the planet and to local and regional communities around the world. Mira Palosaari's goals are to highlight solutions for millions of people who are negatively affected by aviation air & noise pollution. The **Mira's Garden Organization** will promote alternatives to flying — achieving greener, cleaner air through electric planes, bullet trains, electric cars and many other creative solutions. Mira's Garden also strives for more livable environments through air filtration and noise mitigation.

## Journey to Washington, D.C.

Mira and Kent will travel along the I-90 corridor from **Seattle -> Boston -> New York -> Washington, D.C. and back**. Along the way they will be filming and recording conversations about their trip, as well as meeting with community activists, researchers, and legislators to create actions for transportation alternatives.

Their send-off will be at the start of I-90 on July 9, 2021 at 9AM PDT. They will arrive in Boston on July 16th in time for the July 17th **Solutions Summit for Aviation Communities.** The Mira's Garden Organization would love to have you join us either in Seattle or along our route. Some may wish to join us on our drive on segments along our route.



## **Aviation Solutions Summit**

On June 18, 2021 over 100 participants from around the world — including representatives from the *United States, England, France, and Canada* — participated in Day 1 of the **Aviation Solutions Summit**. The Summit — which is a partnership between the **Mira's Garden Organization** and the **University of Washington's Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences** — has set out to bring together legislators, academics, and community activists to create solutions to help airport communities throughout the world.

The first day of the summit achieved its goal to present existing research and create connections among those tied to the issue of aviation's impact. Day 2 of the Summit, which will take place on July 17, 2021, during Mira and Kent's journey to Washington, D.C, will focus on specific solutions.

Those interested in supporting our journey to Washington, D.C. — and our cause as a whole — can donate to our <u>GoFundMe</u> campaign at the following link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/aviationpollutionsolutions

