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The Honorable Grace Meng  
U.S House of Representatives  
1317 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Meng:

On behalf of the City of Culver City, California, I am writing to express our strong support of your effort to address and mitigate the impacts of airplane noise near major airports.

The City of Culver City is located in Los Angeles County, generally situated north of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). As the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has implemented the Southern California Metroplex Project, and flights have been concentrated over Culver City and neighboring communities, our citizens are being increasingly exposed to aircraft noise, air pollution, and other impacts. Because of our citizens' significant discomfort, we have thus far utilized the judicial system to challenge FAA's environmental evaluation of the project. However, we want to remedy FAA's lapses at the highest levels by supporting the efforts of the United States Congress.

We applaud your efforts, along with those of your colleagues in the Quiet Skies Caucus, including Representative Karen Bass, to include provisions in the FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations bill and H.R.4, the FAA Reauthorization Act. We are particularly interested in the provision directing the FAA to complete a study of alternative metrics to the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) 65 within one year of enactment, and other methods to address community airplane noise concerns. We strongly believe that the FAA has failed to accurately measure airplane noise. We believe that the FAA must use both the "single event" and the "cumulative" noise measurements to accurately record the full extent of noise of flight operations when they occur. Using both measurements will reveal the time of the highest noise, as well as that of sustained noise, and thus the project's true impact.

We support your efforts to continue to champion these issues in the FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. We also appreciate the willingness of your staff to meet with our advocacy firm earlier this week.

We hope we can be a resource to you, as we are willing to reach out to Members of the House Appropriations Committee to support provisions that continue to enhance accurate measurements of airplane noise and efforts to mitigate noise, without undermining our nation's air transportation system. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 922-7286.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ajuero Small  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Karen Bass, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Members of the City Council  
John M. Nachbar, City Manager