

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 21, 2019

The Honorable Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20591

Re: San Fernando Valley Airport Community Noise Roundtable

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell,

Communities in the San Fernando Valley continue to have serious concerns regarding the impact of aviation over their neighborhoods. Residents have reported unprecedented noise in multiple communities, disturbances at all hours of the night, health concerns, environmental concerns, negative impacts on local jobs and the economy, and safety concerns over a potential aviation accident in the airspace overhead. We ask the FAA to take a leading role in forming an Airport Community Noise Roundtable for the San Fernando Valley region, along with local Community Members, the Hollywood/Burbank Airport, the Van Nuys Airport, and other relevant stakeholders.

Last fall, the FAA received extensive public comments on the negative impacts of the proposed amendment to OROSZ and SLAPP Area Navigation Departure Procedures. In December, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority submitted a letter to the FAA pursuant to Section 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 requesting that you consider the feasibility of dispersal headings or other lateral track variations to address community noise concerns. The FAA is now receiving public comments on the Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport Proposed Replacement Terminal Project. Concurrently, the Los Angeles City Council has taken steps directing Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to submit a Section 175 request as well to address concerns related to the Van Nuys Airport. All of these and other aviation issues have a direct effect on the quality of life in the San Fernando Valley. Despite significant public input and consultation, the FAA has not addressed these concerns or developed an effective mechanism to address the community's needs.

It is our goal that the concerns of residents be fully addressed. The FAA has the authority and precedent to make changes that will reduce the impacts of aviation over communities in Los Angeles County, while ensuring the safety of both communities and aircraft. It

should do so. We encourage the FAA to take the concerns of local communities seriously and to address the numerous impacts generated by aircraft noise. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Cc: Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority
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