



December 3, 2001

Honorable Representative Maxine Waters
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 2107 – End Gridlock of Our Nations Critical Airports Act of 2001

Dear Representative Waters:

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While this bill would appear to be in a hold status, the members of the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Roundtable are greatly concerned with the intrusion of federal actions into the local decision making process. While we recognize the concerns regarding airport capacity and the national air transportation system, we believe that local adverse impacts could be overlooked by federal intervention in this area. The Roundtable membership believes it is essential that airport capacity decisions be kept at the local level. This would assure that communities adversely impacted by airports have the opportunity to engage in effective mitigation actions based on those local impacts as identified by the citizens.

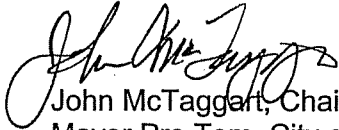
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Yours very truly,



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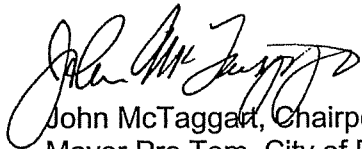
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