



January 23, 2012

Senator Jay Rockefeller, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-4802

Re: Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

The Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) is an organization that consists of local elected officials and staff, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Los Angeles World Airports. These parties work together to identify noise issues that affect the communities surrounding Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and to seek feasible solutions to reduce noise over those affected communities.

Aircraft noise adversely affects the daily lives of many people residing and working in areas affected by aircraft overflights and constitutes a major negative impact on the quality of life in these communities. Noise stemming from helicopter operations is especially disturbing since the FAA has not established any stringent minimum altitude requirements for these aircraft. As a result, helicopters can operate at low altitudes and hover over residential areas for an extended period of time which creates noise disturbances that affect many residents.

In an effort to provide residents with noise relief from helicopter operations, Congressman Howard L. Berman introduced a bill entitled, H.R. 2677, the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011, to direct the FAA to establish specific regulations pertaining to helicopters operating in Los Angeles County that would restrict flight paths and set minimum altitudes for helicopters. Subsequently, as you know, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have also introduced the Senate version (S. 2019) of the same bill.

The Roundtable applauds these congressional and senatorial representatives for their efforts and offers support for this legislation as it will provide residents with the much-needed noise relief from helicopter operations. As the S. 2019 bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for further consideration, we urge the committee members to provide a favorable recommendation on this legislation to allow it to move forward in the legislative process.

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Please address your reply, if any, to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attention: Kathryn Pantoja.

Sincerely,

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Denny Schneider, Chairman  
LAX/Community Noise Roundtable

cc: Committee Members  
Congressman Dana Rohrabacher  
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Congresswoman Janice Hahn  
Congresswoman Laura Richardson  
Congressman Howard L. Berman  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer



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Congressman Tom Petri, Chairman  
House Subcommittee on Aviation  
2251 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

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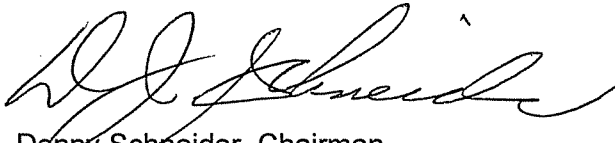
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