



May 6, 2016

Hon. Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Hon. Kristen E. Gillibrand
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Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senators,

As State Senators representing New York City and Long Island, we are writing to ask you to consider the impact of airport noise. We understand Congress is moving into the final stages of drafting legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration. We first want to thank you for your leadership and commitment to mitigating the noise pollution that effects so many of our mutual constituents. We believe that there is an opportunity now to address the issue of aircraft noise.

Enclosed is a letter that the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus sent the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It outlines many of the issues our constituents would like to see resolved. One of the main arguments we hope to move forward is to change the noise threshold from 65 DNL to 55 DNL. Organizations and agencies such as the EPA, the World Health Organization and the Harvard School of Medicine have concluded that 55 DNL should be the accepted threshold. The current threshold of 65 DNL was first established in the 1970s and never took into account health studies or the impact it would have on the health of our constituents.

As the Port Authority continues to undertake the Part 150 Study we have fought so hard for, a lower DNL value will help constituents. Please note that a threshold change cannot in any way prevent any aircraft from take offs or landings at United States' airports. The benefits for those who live beneath these flight routes would be immeasurable. Please consider supporting a change of the noise threshold from 65 DNL to 55 DNL, by ensuring this is included in the FAA reauthorization.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



May 6, 2016

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