

Letter to the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus: Request From 62 Community Organizations



December 20, 2021

TO: Members of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus
% Chairs Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Congressman Stephen F. Lynch

SUBJECT: Communities affected by NextGen urgently need representation on DOT's NextGen Advisory Committee

Dear Members of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus,

The implementation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)'s "NextGen" program has seriously harmed millions of residents – your constituents – in the 62 communities we collectively represent. Yet our communities have effectively no voice in recommendations about FAA's NextGen implementation. **We urge the Quiet Skies Caucus to help correct this by sending a letter to DOT Secretary Buttigieg requesting that he direct the FAA to recommend multiple community representatives to the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) for the June 2022 NAC charter renewal.** As required in the current charter, the members must represent "a particular interest of ..., experience, or affiliation with a specific aviation-related organization," e.g., knowledgeable community representatives directly impacted by NextGen.

The NAC's objective is to provide "independent advice and recommendations" to the FAA regarding considerations "that affect the future of the Air Traffic Management System and the integration of new technologies." As a Federal Advisory Committee, the NAC should have balanced representation of all stakeholders "that affect the future of the Air Traffic Management System and the integration of new technologies." Instead, the NAC is dominated by aviation industry representatives. *Twenty-nine of the NAC's thirty members are members of the aviation industry or government* including airline operators, aircraft manufacturers, airports, and aviation labor. **The NAC has no community representatives who are directly affected by NextGen implementation at any of FAA's designated NextGen single-site or metroplex 30-core airports.** If the NAC membership needs to be increased beyond its current thirty members to include multiple community members, this should be considered.

Members of our groups would be happy to discuss our request at any time. Our contact information is Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA), info@AviationImpactedCommunities.org.

Thank you for considering our request on behalf of aviation-impacted communities.

Signatories:

National Organizations

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Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA)

Citizens for Quiet Skies
National Quiet Skies Coalition
NextGenRelief.Org
NextGenNoise.Org
QCi and the Quiet American Skies Program
Sky Justice National Network

State/Local Organizations

Advocates for Viable Airport Solutions, CA
Airport Community Roundtable of Charlotte, NC
Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated (AIR, Inc.), MA
Bay Area Jet Noise, CA
BOS Fair Skies, MA
Bucks Residents for Responsible Airport Management (BRRAM), PA
Citizens Against Gillespie Expansion and Low Flying Aircraft (C.A.G.E.L.F.A), CA
Citizens for Quiet Skies-Arapahoe County, CO
Committee for Airplane Transparency, MA
Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (C.R.A.A.P.), CA
Concerned Residents of Brisbane, CA
Concerned Residents of Palo Alto, CA
FAiR Chicago, IL
GrotonAyerBuzz of Ayer, MA
HICoP (Hawaii Island Coalition Malama Pono), HI
Hull Neighbors for Quiet Skies, MA
Keystone Point Neighborhood Association, FL
Logan Aircraft Noise Working Group, MA
Lower Makefield Township Trenton-Mercer Airport Review Panel, PA
Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition, MD
Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition, CA
Mountain-News, Lake Arrowhead, CA
Oregon Aviation Watch, OR
Plane Sense 4 Long Island, NY
Quiet Skies, AL
Quiet Skies Boulder County, CO
Quiet Skies Coalition, WA
Quiet Skies Hawaii, HI
Quiet Skies Honolulu, HI
Quiet Skies Jefferson County, CO
Quiet Skies Lake Arrowhead, CA
Quiet Skies Maui, HI
QuietskiesPacifica94044, CA
Quiet Skies Puget Sound, WA
Quiet Skies San Diego, CA
Quiet Skies Santa Monica Mountains, CA
San Francisco's Concerned Residents Experiencing Annoying Aircraft Maneuvers (S.C.R.E.A.A.M.), CA
Save Our Skies Alliance, CO
Save Our Skies East Bay (S.O.S.E.B.), CA

Save Our Skies LA, CA
SCANA (Scottsdale Coalition for Airplane Noise Abatement), AZ
Sherman Oaks & Encino for Quiet Skies, CA
Sierra Club, Hawai'i Island Group, HI
Sky Justice Miami, FL
Sky Posse Los Altos, CA
Sound Defense Alliance (S.D.A.), WA
Southern Maryland Fair Skies Coalition, MD
STOP Jet Noise NOW! SFOAK North S.F. Bay Area, CA
Studio City for Quiet Skies, CA
The 02152 Initiative, MA
Trenton Threatened Skies, NJ
UproarLA, CA
Vashon Island Fair Skies, WA
West Adams for Quiet Skies, CA