



To: Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, c/o Co-Chairs Congresswoman Norton and Congressman Lynch

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RE: AICA Executive Report on the FAA/Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) Interagency Agreement

We obtained a copy of the [FAA/FMCS Interagency Agreement \(IAA\)](#) regarding the FAA's Noise Policy Review from an August 4, 2022 FOIA request to FMCS. A similar request for the agreement was made to the FAA on August 4, 2022, but we have not received the requested document from our FAA FOIA submission.

The Overarching Takeaway - the FAA continues to systemically exclude directly and substantially affected communities as "key external stakeholders" (e.g., we are not aware of any communities who have been included in the FMCS interviews of key external stakeholders mentioned in Task 1A of the IAA). The exclusion of communities is the underpinning of a flawed engagement process which distorts all subsequent Tasks in the IAA.

After reporting the Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES) Study results on January 13, 2021, FAA Administrator Dickson [announced the FAA/FMCS agreement on May 10, 2021](#) in his response to the [Quiet Skies Caucus \(QSC\) March 10, 2021 letter](#) about the NES. It took an additional four months for the FAA to sign an interagency agreement with the FMCS.

Now 635 days have passed since the NES Study results were released and it is 395 days since the IAA was finalized, but there has been no noise-policy briefing nor update from the FAA and, to our knowledge, there has been no substantially affected community inclusion during these 395 days of the FAA's and FMCS's work on the agreement.

Below is our AICA Executive Report on the FAA/FMCS IAA including our questions to the FAA.

AICA has the following "Asks" of the Quiet Skies Caucus:

- Please consider the issues we raise in the [AICA EXECUTIVE REPORT](#).
- Please request that the FAA formally respond to the AICA Executive Report APPENDIX A: QUESTIONS.
- Please request that the FAA establish an advisory committee of directly and substantially affected community members within 30 days to serve as a national committee commensurate to other "key external stakeholders", e.g., as part of the FAA Noise Policy Review.

Thank you for considering our requests to include aviation-impacted communities in the FAA's noise policy process. We appreciate your continued support.