

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

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RE: AICA Executive Report 2.0 on the FAA/Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) Interagency Agreement



On November 1, 2022, the AICA obtained a copy of a [modified FAA/FMCS IAA](#) document through a September 20, 2022 FOIA request to the FAA. On November 2, 2022, the FMCS responded to a separate, but identical FOIA request by providing the same IAA "**Modification One**" document. The FOIA requests were for three sets of records:

- A. "All documents that amend the mutual agreement" of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
- B. "All monthly reports from the FMCS" provided pursuant to Article 6, Section C of the agreement between FAA and FMCS signed September 21, 2021; and
- C. All "final written products" referred to in Article 6, Section D of the agreement between the FAA and FMCS signed September 21, 2021.

NOTE: [AICA Executive Report 1.0, October 10, 2022](#) assesses the original IAA obtained on September 16, 2022 from FMCS through an August 4, 2022 FOIA request. This report, [AICA Executive Report 2.0, November 7, 2022](#), continues AICA's assessment of the FAA Noise Policy Review process with important new information.

The Overarching Takeaway

- The IAA "Modification One" confirms that the deliverables for all of Task 1 and most of Task 2 were COMPLETED by September 1, 2022.
- New language in the IAA "Modification One", Task 5b deliverable, does not solve the problem of excluding local communities because it is not commensurate with the timely inclusion, communication, and level of engagement with the other external stakeholders throughout the FAA noise policy review process.
- The FAA's continued disingenuous community engagement also is shown by its hesitancy to provide all requested FOIA documents.

Our AICA Executive Report 2.0 on the modified FAA/FMCS IAA includes our updated set of questions to the FAA and timeline. Therefore, the **updated "Asks" of the QSC** are:

- Please consider the issues we raise in [AICA EXECUTIVE REPORT 1.0](#) and in [AICA EXECUTIVE REPORT 2.0](#)
- Please request that the FAA formally respond to APPENDIX A: QUESTIONS, now updated by the information from the new modified IAA that we have obtained.
- 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.