Request From 71 Community Organizations

June 7, 2023

TO: Donald S. Scata Jr., Noise Division Manager, Office of

Environment & Energy, Federal Aviation Administration

Lauralyn Jean Remo Temprosa, Associate Director, Office of Aviation Analysis,

Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Request to Extend Deadlines for Comments: Docket No. FAA-2023-0855 and

Docket No. DOT-OST-2023-0079

Dear Division Manager Scata and Associate Director Temprosa,

The <u>FAA Noise Policy Review FRN</u> and <u>DOT Advanced Air Mobility FRN</u> were published with comment period deadlines within 2 weeks of each other, July 31, 2023 (90-day comment period) and July 17, 2023 (60-day comment period) respectively. Two FRNs in a similar timeframe and during the summer vacation months cause undue workload to ensure meaningful comments from the public. Adequate time is needed for community groups to formulate comments for the two FRNs and to share these comments with Roundtables or similar forums and Congressionals for their review and subsequent comments to the FRNs.

We request FAA to extend the deadline for Comments on the Noise Policy Review, Docket No. FAA-2023-0855 for 60 days beyond the deadline of July 31, 2023. The scope of the Noise Policy Review comment is extensive. As stated in the FRN "...the review addresses the technical elements of the FAA's civil aviation policy..." and "...four key considerations of its civil aviation noise policy, in context of noise metrics and noise thresholds." The information provided for the review includes the Foundational Elements/Framing Document containing the eleven questions (38 pages) and four webinars held in May. Lastly the FRN on Noise Research in 2021 was extended by 60 days; its scope was less than the FRN on Noise Policy and its content and questions were more understandable for the public to comment.

We request DOT to extend the deadline for Comments on Advanced Air Mobility, DOT-OST 2023-0079 for 60 days beyond the deadline of July 17, 2023. The scope of the Advanced Air Mobility comment is large-scale and it is for an emerging field. As stated in the FRN, "what should be addressed in the AAM national strategy, what respondents believe are existing barriers to success of AAM implementation; and, what steps should the Federal Government focus on in the short (2–3 years), medium (4–8 years), and long term (8+ years) in order to maximize the potential for successful AAM implementation in the United States. Commenters may wish to identify specific steps for specific federal agencies." In addition, the DOT seeks input on twenty subgroups such as "Role of State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments" and "Environmental Impacts and Public Involvement."

If the deadlines are extended, we would appreciate notification before June 15, 2023.

Thank you for considering our request on behalf of aviation-impacted communities. Our contact information is Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA), info@AviationImpactedCommunities.org.

Signatories:

National Organizations

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Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance

Citizens for Quiet Skies

Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (C.R.A.A.P.)

NextGenNoise.Org

Quiet Communities, Inc.

National Quiet Skies Coalition

Sky Justice National Network

Special Metro Airports Analysis Center (SMAAC)

State/Local Organizations

Advocates for Viable Airport Solutions, CA

Airport Impact Relief Incorporated (AIR Inc.), MA

Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion (ARSAC), CA

ATL Neighbors Needing Quiet Skies, GA

Bay Area Jet Noise, CA

BOS Fair Skies, MA

Charlotte Airport Community Roundtable, NC

Citizens Against Gillespie Expansion and Low Flying Aircraft (C.A.G.E.L.F.A), CA

Citizens for a Friendly Airport (C4FA), CA

Citizens for Airpark Safety, MD

Coalition to Transform East Hampton Airport, NY

Committee for Airplane Transparency, MA

Concerned Citizens of Brisbane, CA

Concerned Residents of Palo Alto, CA

FAiR Chicago, IL

FumeFighters United, NY

GrotonAyerBuzz of Ayer, MA

GRRift (Gilpin Residents Refuse Increased Flight Traffic), CO

Hull Neighbors for Quiet Skies, MA

Keep It Down Up There, CA

Keystone Point Neighborhood Association, FL

King County International Airport Community Coalition (KCIACC), WA

Logan Aircraft Noise Working Group, MA

Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition (LAAHNC), CA

Lower Makefield Township Trenton-Mercer Airport Review Panel, PA

Melrose Place Against Nuisance, Baton Rouge, LA

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition, MD

Oregon Aviation Watch, OR

Plane Sense 4 Long Island, NY

Quiet Florida, FL

Quiet Skies, AL

Quiet Skies Over Arapahoe County, CO

Quiet Skies Boulder County, CO

Quiet Skies Coalition, WA

Quiet Skies Honolulu, HI

Quiet Skies Jefferson County, CO

Quiet Skies LA, CA

Quiet Skies La Jolla/San Diego, CA

Quiet Skies Lake Arrowhead, CA

Quiet Skies Maui, HI

QuietskiesPacifica94044, CA

Quiet Skies Puget Sound, WA

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 (SOSLA), CA

SCANA (Scottsdale Coalition for Airplane Noise Abatement), AZ

Sherman Oaks & Encino for Quiet Skies, CA

Sky Justice Miami, FL

Sky Posse Los Altos, CA

Southern Maryland Fair Skies Coalition, MD

STOP Jet Noise NOW! SFOAK North S.F. Bay Area, CA

Stop the Chop, NY/NJ

Studio City for Quiet Skies, CA

350 Seattle, WA

Trenton Threatened Skies, NJ

Twin Cities Metro Airport Neighbors for Change, MN

UproarLA, CA

Vashon Island Fair Skies, WA

West Adams for Quiet Skies, CA

The 02152 Initiative, MA

CC:

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus