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September 5, 2018

Mr. Daniel K. Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell:

The Village of Niles Board of Trustees approved Resolution 2018-71R on August 28, 2018, demanding the end of the use of “day-night average sound level” (“DNL”) noise averaging when measuring noise impacts to the residents of Niles and implement a new noise metric that reflects the true physical and emotional distress caused by airplane noise.

The Village of Niles was involved in the fight to decrease sound pollution caused by flights emanating from O’Hare International Airport through Village of Niles’ actions and by being a member first with the Suburban O’Hare Commission and later with the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. We continue to fight against airplane noise through a multi-faceted strategy, one of the facets of this strategy is to recognize and work to bring an end to the use of the DNL noise metric that is used by the Federal Aviation Administration to determine the intensity of annoyance from airplane noise to the residents of Niles.

The Village of Niles is extremely disappointed by the Federal Aviation Administration’s decision to delay the results of the nationwide annoyance survey. It was reported that the study would be expected in June; however, we are now in the beginning of September and still no survey findings from your agency. The Village of Niles demands that the Federal Aviation Administration conclude its study to create a new noise metric and implement one that truly reflects the physical and emotional distress caused by airplane noise.

As a community leader, I am losing my patience and ask that the findings be published immediately. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important national aircraft noise study and the end to the use of the DNL noise metric.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Przybylo".

Andrew Przybylo
Village of Niles Mayor

cc: Rebecca MacPherson, Administrator, Great Lakes Region, FAA
U.S. Senator Richard Durbin
U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth
U.S. Representative Janice Schakowsky

Enclosure