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The Honorable Nita Lowey
United States House of Representatives
2365 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

VIA EMAIL

Dear Congresswoman Lowey,

It has come to the attention of this Town Board that your colleague, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Representative for Massachusetts's 8th congressional district, recently introduced H.R. 976, also known as the Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act of 2019. We are writing you today to voice our support for this legislation and to ask you to consider co-sponsoring this bill.

H.R. 976 directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes.

As you are aware, New Castle residents have wide range of concerns due to our proximity to the Westchester County Airport, including noise pollution and other environmental issues, as well as health and safety concerns. Our residents recognize that there is value in having an airport close to home; however, in recent years what was once a pure amenity has become a growing concern. Due to flight path changes, we are now experiencing constant planes overhead – daily and nightly. In New Castle, we have athletic fields, public parks, hiking trails, and schools that are directly under the flight path.

As elected officials we are alarmed by the health impacts of noise and other pollution on our community due to air traffic from the airport. On behalf of our shared constituents we ask you to support H.R. 976. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss other actions that you might consider undertaking in response to these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
New Castle Town Board

cc: The Honorable Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
District Director Pat Keegan
New Castle Airport Advisory Committee