



# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

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Dear County Executive Latimer and Legislator Kaplowitz,

We are writing to reiterate the concerns of the Town of New Castle as to the current operations of the Westchester County Airport, as well as the plans for its future, and to ensure that, as an interested party, the Town is provided with all SEQRA related documents. As local elected officials, we have heard from our residents about a wide range of issues related to the airport: noise, the environment, property values, and health impacts, just to name a few. It is these concerns and the outrage of our residents that compel us to write to you once again to urge you to take action to change course with regard to the airport.

In August 2017, we sent the attached letter to Westchester County on behalf of the Town Board and the residents of New Castle. On behalf of the same parties, Supervisor Rob Greenstein appeared in front of the Board of Legislators on September 25, 2017 and read the same letter into the record to make sure that the messages contained therein were not missed by any members of the Board of Legislators and because the environmental impact of Westchester County Airport on the Town of New Castle and its neighboring communities continued to grow.

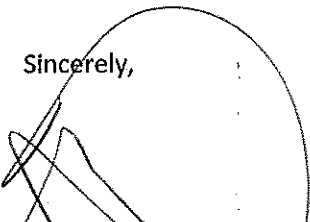
We are grateful that Westchester County has started a process to engage the public to gather their feedback on the future of the airport. We are also grateful that New Castle now has proper representation on the Airport Advisory Board and want to thank both of you for your central roles in that process. As you both heard firsthand on the morning of April 14th, the residents of New Castle remain very concerned about the environmental impact that is being generated by Westchester County Airport and the negative impact it has on county residents on a daily basis. On April 28, 2018, the Town Board also formed the New Castle Airport Advisory Committee to further engage the community on this important issue and to assist the Town Board in its consideration of issues related to the airport.

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While positive steps have been taken, the Town Board remains concerned about the future direction of the airport. Having attended the first two County listening sessions, we note that many people throughout Westchester County share our concerns. To date, there has been no formal analysis that we are aware of as to the cause of the increased negative impacts experienced by New Castle and other residents of Westchester County. We urge the County to gather the necessary data to conduct a review, and to provide this insight to municipalities and residents.

The Town of New Castle is an Interested Party for the purpose of all environmental reviews under SEQRA conducted in connection with the airport. Therefore, please ensure the Town is furnished with copies of any written reports or recommendations, and any draft and final environmental impact statements, prepared in connection with the airport. We request the opportunity to comment upon any such draft environmental impact statement. Finally, we would appreciate receiving prior written notice of any public meeting, hearing or deliberation that is conducted by the Board of Legislators or any of its subcommittees concerning the airport. We urge you not to make any changes or additional binding obligations at the Westchester airport until a complete and thorough review of all impacts, SEQRA and otherwise, are completed.

Sincerely,



Town Board, Town of New Castle

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August 15, 2017

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RE: Westchester County Airport Privatization / Master Plan

Dear County Executive Astorino and Chairman Kaplowitz:

We are writing to you in regards to the proposal to privatize the Westchester County Airport.

We appreciate the financial benefits of public-private partnerships. We understand the benefit that Westchester County residents could realize from the airport revenues. And we certainly understand the need to find new revenues to pay for the services our residents need and expect without placing extra burdens on taxpayers.

However, we have many serious concerns regarding any airport privatization and expansion. Our first priority must be protecting the quality of life for the residents of New Castle and other communities. We are concerned that privatization will negatively impact the environment by causing increased air, water and noise pollution in Westchester County and the surrounding region. We are also concerned about changes that will negatively affect residential property values in our community.

To be very clear: we do not support an increase in the number of flights. We do not support larger aircraft. We do not support an increase in the maximum number of passengers allowed in the Terminal Use Agreement. We do not support an increase in the total capacity of the airport's runways, taxiways, ramps, gates, hangars, terminal, motor vehicle parking areas or access.

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We would respectfully request that any agreement include a no expansion policy and keep in place any and all restrictions in the current Terminal Use Agreement. The current footprint of the airport must be maintained. The number of gates must remain at four. The current passenger caps must remain in effect. Current curfew regulations must remain in place.

We would also like to bring to your attention our concern with current operations at the Westchester County Airport. Over the years, we have noticed a substantial increase in the number corporate aircraft using the facility. These charter/corporate jets are not under the passenger cap or flight cap. They fly at low altitudes and continue flights into the night. Corporate and private operators are not subject to any sort of penalty for breaking their curfew. They are creating noise pollution, and our skies are being polluted with jet fumes. The expansion of corporate and charter flights is having a negative impact on our health, quality of life and property values.

We request that the County provide us, regional municipal legislators, with a briefing on the Master Plan and privatization as it stands now. We also request continued public involvement, public access to information, and an opportunity to comment on any potential privatization and expansion of the Westchester County Airport. Lastly, we would hope that you have strong bipartisan support from the Board of Legislators before moving ahead with significant changes.

Please reach out to us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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New Castle Town Supervisor

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