



# TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

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Dear County Executive Latimer,

New Castle residents are grateful for your efforts to protect our community. Although not a result of your own making, it is imperative that Westchester County take a more assertive and aggressive approach to cease the barrage of flights continuously roaring over our collective heads. While we appreciated the first step that the County took by commissioning a noise and air quality study, New Castle respectfully demands that the County more zealously advocate towards a resolution that will restore our quality of life and protect the air we breathe including, but not limited to:

- **We insist that the preliminary results of the noise and air quality report be made public immediately upon submission to the County.** New Castle has been patiently awaiting the results of these studies. Recent correspondence with your office on September 27<sup>th</sup> led us to understand that the results would be ready within the week – we ask you to please share these results with us as soon as possible.
- **We ask that you fast-track the proposed public meeting with the FAA.** In July, the County, Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congresswoman Nita Lowey jointly requested a meeting with the FAA and issued a press release about the same. Three months later, we are still awaiting further news about this meeting. We ask that you push more forcefully to bring the FAA to the table.
- **We urge you to take steps now to prepare for potential legal action against the FAA.** While we are grateful for the support and advocacy of your office and our elected officials in Congress who have immediate access to and direct influence over the FAA, we are skeptical that public meetings will result in real change. We must avoid the same fate as Long Island where empty promises by the FAA to change flight patterns were nothing more than lip service. Legal action may be required to make change happen and to enforce FAA promises. We strongly urge you to prepare for and consider such action now.

We again thank you for taking the reins of a difficult situation. We recognize you have taken genuine steps to protect residents. Yet, whether it is pursuing the actions referenced above, working with New Jersey and New York City airports to create more direct approaches to their facilities and NYTRACON to minimize flight paths over residential communities, re-examining fee structures, or pursuing the numerous other avenues to move this process forward in a positive direction, the New Castle Town Board implores you to take decisive action and to expedite your efforts to date. As it stands now, even as we continue to look to the County, New Castle must explore its own options.

County Executive Latimer, now is the time to act more assertively. Now is the time to think more creatively. Now is the time to protect New Castle and all of Westchester from an untenable situation.

Very truly yours,

Town Board  
Town of New Castle

cc: Honorable Michael Kaplowitz