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December 26, 2013

Amy Lind Corbett, Regional Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
New England Region
12 New England Executive Park
Burlington, MA 01803-5299

Dear Ms. Corbett,

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts I am writing to request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) consider community comments and resident feedback as a part of their 6 and 12 month post-implementation reviews of the Runway 33L RNAV program at Boston Logan International Airport.

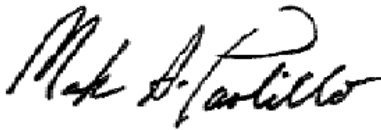
Since the runway 33L RNAV routing was adopted at Logan, this body has received numerous resident complaints about the major increase in airplane noise precipitated directly by runway 33L RNAV departures. The only opportunity that the FAA provided our community and its residents to share their feedback was based on a written Draft EA that made claims that there would be minimal impact on Belmont. This request for feedback occurred before the 33L RNAV was implemented in June of 2013. Belmont Residents were at that time not in a position to provide any informed feedback on the plan since they had not yet had an opportunity to understand and experience the effects of the proposed change.

Prior to the implementation of runway 33L RNAV, Belmont received a much smaller number of flights over our community and we as Officials nor our residents had any basis for anticipating the effects of these proposed changes on our community. Furthermore, runway 33L had been closed for lengthy periods during the two years leading up to the implementation further limiting the number of flights over Belmont. Now that the change has been implemented we are experiencing a significant increase in noise and disruption to our quality of life.

We believe that impacted residents deserve an opportunity to share their feedback based on their actual experience with the changes after they have been implemented. Our Representatives to the Logan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) have been in touch with Massport and the FAA regarding our concerns and trying to understand how to allow for our feedback to be taken into consideration. They have been informed by Terry English that “the post implementation review does not accept or review resident noise complaints and there is no comment period”. We do not believe that this is appropriate or sufficient to objectively evaluate the true impacts of these changes.

We understand that air travel is an essential service the United States and are not looking to impede air traffic. However, we are formally requesting that the FAA give members of our community the opportunity to voice their concerns about the 33L RNAV program that has been implemented so that this input can be considered. Please contact our office or our Logan CAC Representative Myron Kassaraba (logancac@belmont-ma.gov, 617-484-0112) to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Paolillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Paolillo" clearly distinguishable.

Mark A. Paolillo, Chair
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