

THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

August 8, 2016

Ms. Amy Lind Corbett
Regional Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
1200 District Avenue
Burlington, MA 01803-5299

Dear Ms. Corbett,

On July 21, twenty-two representatives met at the Massachusetts State House to discuss airplane noise associated with departures from Logan Airport since the implementation of the runway 33L RNAV SID. Those attending included State Representatives Christine Barber, Sean Garballey, Jonathan Hecht, and Dave Rogers; State Senator Patricia Jehlen; Aides to Representatives Paul Donato, Jay Livingstone, and Denise Provost and Senator William Brownsberger; Staff from the offices of Senator Warren, Congresswoman Clark, and Congressman Capuano; Logan CAC Representatives from Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville and Watertown; and an Alderman from the City of Somerville.

We heard about the continuing noise problems being experienced by residents in our constituent communities west of Boston and about the lack of substantive dialogue with the FAA on the impact of these problems and possible modifications to the 33L RNAV SID procedure. The negative impacts being experienced by our constituents are a direct result of the RNAV changes that concentrate departures from Logan Airport's runway 33L along narrow corridors and subject the neighborhoods below to numerous loud overflights at intervals of 2-3 minutes, including before 6am and after 11pm.

A reexamination of 33L RNAV SID has been repeatedly requested by the communities and local, state and federal officials to both the FAA and Massport since shortly after this procedure was implemented in June 2013. The FAA has repeatedly deflected any action on 33L RNAV SID by sending community representatives on a wild goose chase – first saying that the issue would be taken-up at part of a Post Implementation Review, then directing them to bring the matter to the Logan CAC (where a formal motion requesting reexamination was passed unanimously in January 2015), and finally directing them to take up the issue with Massport as the airport operator.

At a meeting with Massport in January 2016, these municipal representatives were told "nothing can be done" in the short-term to provide relief. Then just last month, in response to a request from that city's leadership, it was announced (<http://bit.ly/29Y8SEo>) that at Charlotte's Douglas Airport, less than one year after new RNAV flight paths were implemented, the FAA is making adjustments to altitude and dispersing departures to "scatter jet noise." In Baltimore, too, the FAA is meeting with local and state officials to address issues in response to changes made at BWI as part of NextGen (<http://bsun.md/29Y98TO>).

Here, the municipalities impacted by the 33L RNAV SID have been waiting more than three years to have their concerns heard and addressed. Residents and local officials are frustrated and angered by these delays and evasions. We share their frustration.

We ask that you arrange to meet in the very near future with CAC representatives and elected state officials from Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Medford, Somerville, and Watertown to discuss whether actions -- similar to those taken in Charlotte or otherwise -- can be implemented at Logan to address the noise impacts of the 33L RNAV SID.

Sincerely yours,



Representative Christine Barber
34th Middlesex District



Senator William Brownsberger
2nd Suffolk & Middlesex District



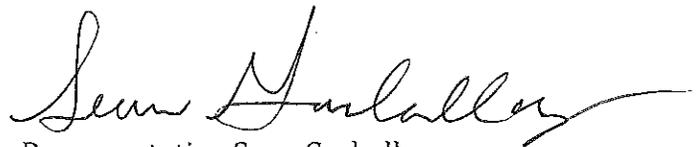
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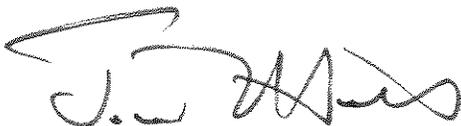
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