



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

April 21, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Corbett,

We trust that you are giving careful consideration to the concerns raised by these letters. We have heard from many members of our communities about the noise impacts of Runway 33L RNAV procedures at Logan Airport.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William N. Brownsberger in blue ink.

Senator William N. Brownsberger  
Second Suffolk and Middlesex

Handwritten signature of Sean Garbally in blue ink.

Representative Sean Garbally  
23<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex

Handwritten signature of John J. Lawn, Jr. in blue ink.

Representative John J. Lawn, Jr.  
10<sup>th</sup> Middlesex

Handwritten signature of Kenneth J. Donnelly in blue ink.

Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly  
Fourth Middlesex

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Hecht in blue ink.

Representative Jonathan Hecht  
29<sup>th</sup> Middlesex

Handwritten signature of David M. Rogers in blue ink.

Representative David M. Rogers  
24<sup>th</sup> Middlesex

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March 26, 2015

Amy Lind Corbett, Regional Administrator  
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New England Region  
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Burlington, MA 01803-5299

Dear Ms. Corbett,

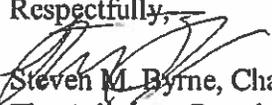
We write to you today to state that the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts supports the letter that you received from the Belmont, Massachusetts Board of Selectmen dated March 3, 2015.

We have communicated our concerns to Arlington's representative on the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, Francis Ciano, which resulted in the Community Advisory Committee voting on January 15, 2015 for the Federal Aviation Administration to reexamine its course of action.

The supported motion at that meeting was as follows: *"That the FAA re-examine Runway 33L RNAV SID, implemented in June of 2013, in light of the significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from communities since implementation and that alternatives or modifications be considered."*

Thank you for your attention to this matter and request that you take action that is consistent with the Community Advisory Committee's approved motion.

Respectfully,

  
Steven M. Byrne, Chair  
The Arlington Board of Selectmen



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March 3, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Corbett,

In December of 2013, we wrote to you expressing our communities concerns about the negative impact we were experiencing as a result of Runway 33L RNAV. We asked for community feedback and noise complaints to be considered by the FAA as part of the post-implementation review process. You responded in your letter dated January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 that comments and noise complaints would not be considered as part of these reviews and that any issues with community feedback and noise complaints should be addressed through the Logan CAC.

We have now had 18 months of living with the effects of Runway 33L RNAV and can express to you on behalf of the community of Belmont that the impact has been overwhelmingly negative and significant. We receive numerous complaints from residents about the repetitive nature of the noise from the three RNAV flight paths that now cross our borders. Our CAC representative has been working in concert with our State Legislators and Congressional delegation as well as other impacted communities such as Arlington and Watertown.

Since the implementation of 33L RNAV in June of 2013, Belmont – a community with no noise complaints in 2012 had over 1,600 complaints filed with Massport in 2014. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of complaints from any of the Logan impacted communities. Massport has seen over a 400% increase in noise complaints – a significant portion from communities directly impacted by 33L departures.

There were many concerns expressed in comments from a range of Officials and residents as part of the EA process. Those concerns were responded to with claims that the proposed changes were “not expected to cause significant impacts.” We find that this is not the case as evidenced by the huge increase in noise complaints and resident feedback we continue to receive.

At the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the Logan CAC, the communities of Arlington, Belmont and Watertown brought forward a motion as follows:

*“That the FAA re-examine Runway 33L RNAV SID, implemented in June of 2013, in light of the significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from communities since implementation and that alternatives or modifications be considered.”*

This motion was approved by the entire CAC by a near-unanimous vote and has been communicated by the CAC President to Terry English.

We are writing you now to urge you to be responsive to the CAC’s request to re-examine the narrow, concentrated flight paths currently being used as part of the 33L RNAV procedure. The Town of Belmont and our residents are asking that alternatives are considered that would re-introduce variability to the flight paths to relieve the noise burden from those under the current RNAV routes. The pre-RNAV flight paths, which did put a large number of flights over Belmont did not cause the noise problems we are currently experiencing. Our residents and our community are negatively affected by this change and we trust the FAA will be responsive to these concerns.

Please contact our office or our Logan CAC Representative Myron Kassaraba ([logancac@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:logancac@belmont-ma.gov), 617-484-0112) if you have any questions, we look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,



Andres T. Rojas, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

Cc: Michael Huerta, Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration  
Vice-Chair Sami Baghdady  
Selectman Mark A. Paolillo  
State Representative David Rogers  
State Senator William Brownsberger  
State Representative Jonathan Hecht  
Representative Katherine Clark  
Senator Edward Markey  
Senator Elizabeth Warren  
Terry English, Program Manager, Boston Logan Airport Noise Study  
Sandra Kunz, President, Logan Community Advisory Committee  
Myron Kassaraba, Belmont CAC Representative  
Frank Ciano, Arlington CAC Representative  
Dennis Duff, Watertown CAC Representative  
Havey Steiner, Watertown CAC Representative



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April 16, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Corbett:

This letter serves to inform you that the Watertown Town Council has voted on April 14, 2015 to support the letters that you have received from Belmont and Arlington Selectmen's offices dated March 3, 2015.

We have communicated our concerns to Watertown's representative on the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, Dennis Duff, which resulted in the Community Advisory Committee voting on January 15, 2015 for the Federal Aviation Administration to reexamine its course of action.

The supported motion at that meeting was as follows: "That the FAA reexamine Runway 33L RNAV SID, implemented in June of 2013, in light of the significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from communities since implementation and that alternatives or modifications be considered".

We want to thank you for your immediate attention to this matter and request that you take action that is consistent with the Community Advisory Committee's approved motion.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Sideris, President  
Watertown Town Council

cc:

Honorable Town Council

Town Manager, Michael J. Driscoll

State Senator William Brownsberger

State Representative Jonathan Hecht

State Representative John Lawn

Congresswoman Katherine Clark

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