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Administrator Michael Huerta
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta,

I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed Winthrop Square Project (the Project) in Boston. While I am not opposed to the project as a whole, I have significant concerns regarding its proposed height and the resulting effect on Logan International Airport and air traffic noise in communities I represent. Millennium Partners, the Project developer, has filed a notice with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) due to the Project's planned height of 775 feet, and its proximity to Boston Logan International Airport. I understand that FAA's Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis personnel are currently reviewing Millennium's notice.

It is my understanding that any building taller than 710 feet above mean sea level at the proposed location will have the following impacts on Logan Airport operations:

- It will lead airlines to shift departure runways. This will reduce the capacity of Logan Airport's airspace, and restrict existing FAA circle-to-land operations on all runways.
- It will reduce departure efficiency and will most impact the 33L runway.
- The shifting of these operations would also bring a shift in overflights and associated noise for all communities already impacted by air traffic noise. This shift will negatively impact Logan's ability to distribute its impact to surrounding communities as equitably as possible.

Additionally, the FAA and the Massachusetts Port Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding to design and implement a series of demonstration projects around the issue of noise impacts on the communities surrounding Logan Airport. I support this joint partnership that the FAA and Massport have undertaken. If the Project goes forward at the height proposed, I am concerned that it would negatively impact or eliminate some of the demonstration projects that are still in the process of being developed.

I ask that the FAA carefully review the filing concerning the Winthrop Square Project and consider the impacts that the Project at its presently proposed height would have on Logan Airport operations and resulting noise issues.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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