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November 27, 2020

Steve Dickson, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
United States Department of Transportation
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Dickson:

SUBJECT: AIR TRAFFIC NOISE IN MAUI, HAWAII

I am writing you to seek assistance regarding redirecting flight patterns for arriving and departing jets at Kahului Airport (OGG) in Maui, Hawaii.

Since late 2019, residents of the North Shore/Haiku region of Maui have sent me numerous complaints regarding the noise from jets arriving or departing into OGG. Accordingly, I transmitted the concerns to FAA personnel: Neil Okuna, Darrett Kanayama, John Wennef and the FAA Noise Ombudsman. To date I have received no response or potential resolution to our request to redirect air traffic away from the North Shore/Haiku Region of Maui.

Even though the current arrival and departures may be considered extremely efficient and practical, the jets are causing a serious amount of noise for the residents of this region, which impacts their quiet enjoyment of their property.

With all due respect, I believe the current flight pattern has been very disruptive, which is reflected in the numerous complaints I've received since the end of 2019. The travel restrictions to Hawaii provided a respite from the noise, however once travel commenced the complaints resurfaced.

I have solicited the support of Craig Hanson, who has flown 737 jets and he has provided recommendations for adjustments to the flight patterns to OGG. Consistent with the attached document from Mr. Hanson, he believes the noise

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problem can be avoided with a slight change in routing at little cost to the aviation community.

This is a very difficult time for us all. We are doing our best to cope with the COVID pandemic and its impacts to our health, safety and economy. Maui continues to have the highest unemployment in the nation, therefore many of residents are home much more than normal. Therefore, the air traffic noise make staying home for these residents even more problematic.

Accordingly, on behalf of the residents of my Council District, I would respectfully request your consideration of reviewing the air traffic approach and departure in Maui and revise the flight patterns to eliminate the noise pollution caused by air traffic.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. May I also request that you provide a written response by December 21, 2020. Should you have any questions you may contact me or my Legislative Analysis Gary Saldana at 270-5507 or g.saldana@mauicounty.us.

Sincerely,



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Councilmember
County of Maui

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Attachment

cc: Congressman-Elect Kai Kahele
U.S. Senator Brian Schatz
U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono