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City of Park Ridge
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Dear Mayor David Schmidt and Aldermen Daniel Knight, Marty Maloney, Marc Mazzuca, Richard DiPietro, and Jim Smith:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about O'Hare International Airport and its impact on the City of Park Ridge. As you know, this is an issue that is important to me. I will continue to work hard to find ways to mitigate the negative impact of airplane noise on the community.

I have forwarded your letter to the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation and to the Federal Aviation Administration. My office is looking into the cargo facility issue, and how it will affect Park Ridge residents, and we will be in touch with you soon.

As you know, last month I introduced the attached resolution that urges the FAA to continue working to reduce noise pollution related to airports. I have met with the FAA about the noise impact of O'Hare on Park Ridge many times, and my office is in regular contact with them about this issue.

I will continue to work with the city, FAA, and other respective agencies on efforts to reduce noise around O'Hare Airport.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress

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(Original Signature of Member)

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Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to continue its cooperation with airports across the United States seeking to implement noise mitigation plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to continue its cooperation with airports across the United States seeking to implement noise mitigation plans, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a long history of collaborating with Federal, State, and local officials in efforts to implement noise mitigation plans;

Whereas significant noise pollution can have adverse impacts on education, commerce, quality of life, sleep patterns, and home values;

Whereas the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) is successfully reducing noise pollution at airports across the United States;

Whereas with the help of the FAA, airports across the United States have established programs to successfully reduce noise pollution, including programs providing for the soundproofing of homes and schools;

Whereas the use of preferential flight tracks, the use of certain arrival and departures procedures, and the use of quieter planes may also mitigate noise pollution;

Whereas airport noise reduction programs must be designed to meet the specific needs and concerns of airports and their surrounding communities; and

Whereas subchapter II of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, popularly known as the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, provides a process by which airports may mandate restrictions on airport noise and access with FAA approval: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Federal Aviation Administration
3 to continue its cooperation with airports across the
4 United States seeking to implement noise mitigation
5 plans; and

6 (2) encourages the Federal Aviation Adminis-
7 tration to continue its implementation of the Next
8 Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen)
9 and other efforts to enhance the safety of air travel
10 and help decrease noise levels.