



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

May 5, 2017

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591-0004


Dear Administrator Huerta:

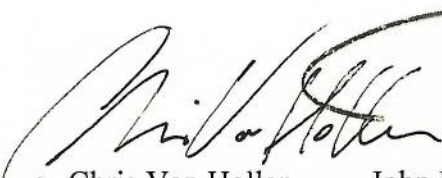
We have received many emails and phone calls from our constituents in Montgomery County about the significant increase in aircraft traffic and noise arising from the 2015 implementation of the Washington, D.C. Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (DC OAPM) and from changes to the approach paths for incoming aircraft at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.


We request that the FAA conduct a thorough written review of the noise levels pre- and post-implementation of the DC OAPM and the impact of approach procedure changes undertaken in 2015. The review should include all documents related to the environmental review conducted prior to implementing changes to Amendment 5 of the River Visual RWY 19 approach procedure.


We ask that this review commence without further delay and that you provide us a timeline for the review no later than June 1, 2017.


Our constituents daily suffer the disruptive and unhealthy effects of the implementation of the flight procedure changes identified above. We look forward to your prompt attention to our request.


Benjamin L. Cardin
U.S. Senator


Chris Van Hollen
U.S. Senator


John Delaney
Member of Congress


Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress


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