

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 1st, 2015

The Honorable John McCain
United States Senator
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Flake
United States Senator
413 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain and Senator Flake:

We appreciate your attention to the substantial harm to communities in the Phoenix metropolitan area caused by the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) decision in September 2014 to alter departure flight paths at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX).

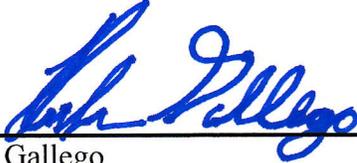
As you may know, last month, the House of Representatives came together on a bipartisan basis to pass an amendment that will prevent the FAA from moving forward with plans to redesign the regional airspace while the serious issues resulting from these changes remain unresolved in Phoenix and the surrounding cities. We write to encourage you to ensure that this critical language is included in the Senate version of the fiscal year 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bill.

For too many members of the communities we represent, the new flight paths instituted by the FAA have meant a lower quality of life. Unfortunately, the FAA modified these routes without seeking local input, failing to consult with community members or civic leaders in the Phoenix area. We strongly believe that the process for making these changes was deeply flawed and that the agency has failed to act in good faith to address the legitimate concerns of community members affected by these flight path changes. ¹

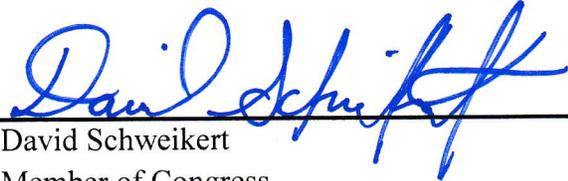
The THUD Appropriations amendment is a direct response to the FAA's failures in redesigning PHX flight patterns. We hope that it will compel the FAA to meaningfully respond to the objections raised by Arizonans whose homes and businesses are now exposed to high levels of aircraft noise. We believe that FAA, instead of rushing forward, should make the prudent choice to wait until the concerns of Arizonans have been adequately addressed before instituting sweeping changes to the regional airspace.

We are hopeful that with your help, this vital legislative language can be included in the Senate version of the THUD appropriations bill. We look forward to working with you to provide much-needed relief to Arizonans impacted by harmful aviation noise.

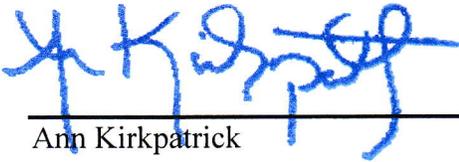
Sincerely,



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