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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Senate Commerce, Science, and
Transportation Committee
254 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
Senate Commerce, Science, and
Transportation Committee
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair
House Committee on
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
House Committee on
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2164 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2023

Dear Chair Cantwell, Ranking Member Cruz, Chair Graves, and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, California, I write in support of the inclusion of several provisions in the final version of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2023 that would enhance community engagement between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and local governments. The provisions would help reduce noise and provide collaboration with local governments as new entrants come into the national airspace system. As you begin negotiations to reconcile H.R. 3935 and S. 1939, I ask that you include the following provisions in the final, multi-year bill.

Provisions from H.R. 3935:

- Section 135 – Aviation Noise Officer
- Section 475 – Pilot Program Extension
- Section 476 – Part 150 Noise Standards Update
- Section 477 – Reducing Community Aircraft Noise Exposure
- Section 482 – UFP Study
- Section 483 – Aviation and Community Engagement
- Section 484 – Community Collaboration Program
- Section 485 – Third Party Study on Aviation Noise Metrics

Provisions from S. 1939:

- Section 805 – Environmental Review and Noise Certification
- Section 916 – Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels
- Section 917 – Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee

The City of Newport Beach asks for your support for these provisions as they will have a positive impact on both our community and the broader aviation landscape. Thank you for your time and dedication to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Will O'Neill
Mayor

CC: The Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Katie Porter, U.S. House of Representatives
Newport Beach City Council