

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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

Dear Secretary Foxx and Administrator Huerta:

We write to you today in follow-up to our May 23, 2014 letter regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's implementation of the "North Shore" route, which was instituted via rulemaking by the FAA in 2012 and recently renewed for 2 years beyond the August 2014 expiration date. The North Shore route has provided significant relief to many communities across Long Island because it requires helicopter operators to fly off-shore over the Long Island Sound when traveling in Suffolk County. As you know however, there is still much work left to be done in order to provide significant relief to communities on the East End of Long Island that are still affected everyday by helicopter noise.

As we have stated numerous times before, we believe it is imperative to revise the rule for the North Shore route in order to require helicopter operators following the North Shore route but landing at South Fork airports to fly past Orient Point and Shelter Island. We also believe that it is imperative to pursue additional rulemakings that would establish a South Shore over water route; and significantly prohibit helicopter operators' ability to ignore these noise-mitigation routes by utilizing other over-Island pathways, like the so called "track route," across the middle of Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Thank you again for your dedication and attention to this very important issue. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Tim Bishop
Member of Congress