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Representative Ayanna Pressley
U.S. House of Representatives
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Re: FAA Reauthorization Act

Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey, Representative Lynch and Representative Pressley:

Thank you for your past efforts to remediate the serious public health problems presented by the Federal Aviation Administration's ("FAA") implementation of so-called Next Gen precision-based navigation ("PBN") nationwide. As you know, the Town of Milton is one of many communities that, during the past dozen or more years, has experienced a significant increase in airplane noise and pollution as a result of the FAA's concentration of flight paths to and from Logan International Airport ("Logan"). The Town of Milton is overburdened by flights arriving to Runways 4R and 4L and flights departing from Runways 27 and 33L.

Despite its yearslong knowledge of the public health impacts created by its implementation of PBN, the FAA has failed to take any action to remediate the noise and pollution impacts on affected communities. Congress must act to require the FAA to disperse arriving and departing aircraft at all airports over wide geographic areas, so that no single community is overburdened by hundreds of overflights per day.

We write in support of the following six (6) bills introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Lynch in connection with the FAA Reauthorization Act that is now under consideration by Congress:

1. H.R. 1187 (Civil Aviation Security and Safety Act of 2023)
2. H.R. 2561 (Peer-Reviewed Report on Measuring Metrics and Thresholds)
3. H.R. 2562 (Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act)
4. H.R. 2563 (Aircraft Ownership Transparency Act)
5. H.R. 2564 (Noise Data Collection Act)
6. H.R. 2565 (Impacted Communities Advisory Committee)

We ask for your collective support of these bills, and we encourage Senators Warren and Markey to file companion legislation in the Senate.

We also urge each of you to file amendments to the FAA Reauthorization Act that will achieve broad regional dispersion of overflights. We are interested in working with your staffs on this issue. To that end, we would appreciate an opportunity for the Chair of the Milton Select Board and the Town Administrator to meet with you and/or a member of your staff this summer to discuss the FAA Reauthorization Act and air traffic impacts on Milton residents generally. We will contact your respective offices to schedule meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests, and for your efforts on behalf of your constituents in Milton and other communities that are overburdened by the FAA's operations at Logan. We look forward to further discussing these important public health issues with you and/or your respective staffs.

Sincerely,



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Milton Airplane Noise Advisory Committee
Milton Community Advisory Committee Representative
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