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The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Member, United States House  
of Representatives  
3742 West Irving Park Road  
Chicago, IL 60618

Dear Congressman Quigley:

Thank you for your letter dated July 22, 2013, which you wrote on behalf of the residents of the Illinois 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, expressing concern about the noise impacts of air traffic at O'Hare International Airport. Also, I appreciate you meeting with me on August 12, 2013, to discuss those concerns in more detail.

Per our discussion regarding a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), my hope is that we clarified that at this time a SEIS is not warranted for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The operations planned for October 2013, when Runway 10C/28C commissions, were evaluated in the EIS dated September 2005. However, the Federal Aviation Administration has decided that a Written Re-evaluation of the Final EIS for the O'Hare Modernization is appropriate to address potential impacts resulting from the schedule modification for new Runway 9C/27C and the Runway 9R/27L extension. This effort will analyze any interim impacts that were not modeled in the 2005 EIS.

We acknowledge the concerns, perceptions and anticipation of residents near O'Hare as the OMP progresses. For this reason we have participated with the Chicago Department of Aviation and O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission in several open house outreach sessions in the suburbs and Chicago wards near O'Hare. These venues provide residents an opportunity to speak with us, ask questions and we in turn can directly answer questions and address concerns. We are available to meet with you to address any future concerns or requests you may have.

I trust the information adequately addresses your constituents' concerns. Please feel free to contact me at 847-294-7294 if you would like to discuss this topic with me personally.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by**

**Barry D. Cooper**  
Barry D. Cooper  
Regional Administrator  
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Enclosure  
Transmitted Correspondence

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