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Mr. Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta:

Thank you for your December 24, 2013 letter explaining the FAA's plans to initiate a "national survey to evaluate the American public's annoyance reaction to aircraft noise in the current operating environment." I understand that the results of this research will be used to determine the appropriateness of the continued use of the DNL 65 dB metric as the standard for sound insulation.

In your letter you state that the anticipated time for completing the national survey and analysis is December 2015. Would you please identify the 20 airports the FAA has chosen for its research, provide a copy of the survey, describe the research methodology for collecting data, and include a timeline for completion.

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission appreciates the FAA's research regarding aircraft noise, but I am sure you are aware that O'Hare residents are very annoyed since the reconfiguration of parallel flight paths over their neighborhoods. The commission would like to share with these frustrated citizens FAA's positive steps toward determining the use of the 65 DNL metric.

We look forward to receiving your action outline and other information leading to the national research survey launch.

Sincerely,

Arlene J. Mulder, Chairman
O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission

cc: **Rosemarie Andolino**, Commissioner
Chicago Department of Aviation

Barry Cooper, Regional Administrator
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