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Mr. James Patterson, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your February 27, 2017 letter regarding the Fly Quiet Rotation at O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) completed a review of the Chicago Department of Aviation's (CDA) July 6 – December 25, 2016 Fly Quiet Rotation Test and verified its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prior to its implementation. The document is available at www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest/about/ under "Rotation Test Approval Document." Please be assured that FAA will ensure rotation tests and subsequent runway rotation proposals are conducted in compliance with NEPA.

The runway changes at ORD referenced in your letter were evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for O'Hare Modernization in 2005. The EIS was completed with the review of federal, state, and local government agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The EIS process sought public input and included a series of public meetings. All comments received were considered by FAA. Additionally, in 2015, FAA completed a Written Re-Evaluation of the EIS, to evaluate if the conclusions and findings of the EIS were still valid based on a runway construction schedule modification to the O'Hare Modernization Program. The complete EIS, Record of Decision (ROD) and Re-Evaluation documents are included on FAA's web site at www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp.

On March 9, 2017, Christina Drouet, Deputy Regional Administrator, and Jim Keefer, Deputy Director Airports Division, met with Don Owen and other members of your staff at Congresswoman Schakowsky's office. As discussed in the meeting, the Fly Quiet program has been an integral part of O'Hare operations since the mid-1990's. CDA, FAA, and the air carriers at O'Hare work collaboratively to adhere to this voluntary overnight noise abatement program. The Fly Quiet program in place in 2005 is referenced and acknowledged in the EIS. It is CDA's action to determine how the Fly Quiet program may change with the airfield changes. Any changes to the original Fly Quiet program will involve further FAA review for compliance with NEPA.

I trust this information adequately addresses your concerns. If you would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact Christina Drouet, Deputy Regional Administrator, or myself at 847-294-7294.

Sincerely,



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