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December 17, 2008

Barry Cooper, Regional Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region  
2300 E. Devon Ave.  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Richard Rodriguez, Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Aviation  
10510 W. Zemke Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60666

Dear Mr. Cooper and Commissioner Rodriguez:

I am writing regarding the new runway at O'Hare International Airport, 9Left/27Right, about which I have been receiving complaints from my constituents in Park Ridge and from their municipal leaders since November 20, 2008, the day the runway opened.

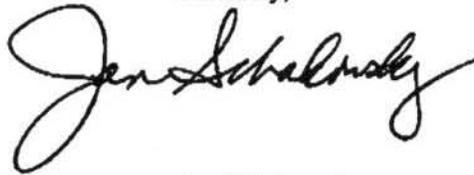
O'Hare is a major economic engine of the region and is an essential international travel hub. I support the O'Hare Modernization Program and recognize that the airport must modernize and improve to reduce delays and serve travelers across the region.

I am, however, very concerned about the effect that this runway is having on my constituents. I would like to know if anything can be done to reduce the volume of planes landing on this runway, if there is a way that larger planes can land on a flight path that would have less of a negative impact on residential communities, or if there is any other way to reduce the noise that my constituents are struggling with each day.

In addition, I would like to request that funding for sound insulation of two schools located in my congressional district be allocated. Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School in Park Ridge and Ebinger Elementary School in Chicago are both in the flight path of the new runway. I understand that both schools have qualified for potential school sound insulation funding based on the results of the 2007 Noise O'Hare School Monitoring Program, and I would like to request that the funds be released to sound-insulate those schools as soon as possible.

Please direct questions or comments to my District Director Leslie Combs, at 773-506-7100 or [leslie.combs@mail.house.gov](mailto:leslie.combs@mail.house.gov) or my Suburban Director Ann Limjoco, at 847-328-3409 or [marie.ann.limjoco@mail.house.gov](mailto:marie.ann.limjoco@mail.house.gov) and send a response to me at the address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jan Schakowsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress

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