To:
From: Barry Cooper/AGL/FAA
Date: 05/25/2010 06:55PM

Subject: Re: O'Hare Airport Runway Expansion

This message confirms receipt of your recent e-mail. We will review the information you provided and the questions you ask, and we will reply in the near future. Thank you.

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To:
From:
Date: 05/24/2010 03:31PM
Subject: O'Hare Airport Runway Expansion

Dear Mr. Cooper and Congressman Quigley:

I am writing as an extremely concerned resident of the 5800 block of N. Kenneth Ave. in Chicago. I am unable to attend tomorrow's open meeting of the SCA due to another previously scheduled meeting but I need to voice my concern and have tried to previously via a phone call (though I cannot remember the name of the man I spoke with).

I simply cannot imagine more air traffic over our area and the planned runway changes concern me greatly. It's made me reconsider a home addition and instead consider a potential move. I am very dedicated to this community and have spent hours and a lot of money to support it through various projects at Sauganash Elementary, QAS and through Sauganash Neighbors for a New Park. I am not just a resident who "lives" here. I've made an investment here and I intend to protect it!

The air traffic is already incredibly disruptive. Last year I spent over $20k putting in top of the line full

replacement windows in my entire home. Unfortunately it did little to quell the noise of airplanes that sound like they are going to land on my roof! Will the FAA or State of Illinois reimburse me for putting a sound barrier in the roof of my home addition if I decide to proceed with this investment?!

Particularly concerning is the planned increase in traffic flow at prime sleep times. Air traffic is already extremely heavy and very disruptive late evening (9-10pm) on weeknights and early morning (6am) on Saturday mornings. Disruption in general adult sleep aside, this is a community with many many children and these kids are trying to sleep at this time. I cannot tell you how many times already my children have come in to my room bleary-eyed on a weekend morning at 6am to say "Mommy the airplanes woke me up!" This has happened a lot already. I'm sick about the fact that this disruption may worsen.

In addition to the present volume of traffic being unbearable, the altitude at which these planes are flying is even worse! Something MUST be done about the planes' decent range during prime sleep hours to improve noise. These planes are already flying really really low over Sauganash.

This neighborhood is boundaried by forest preserve! Certainly air traffic could be routed over trees instead of homes!

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