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Dear

This letter is provided in response to your email to Joyce Scott dated July 30, 2010. I will also take this opportunity to provide you resources for additional information and assistance that I believe will be of value to you.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) routinely shares information with the City of Chicago regarding the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), including the comments and questions we receive from the public. The City has received copies of your letter dated June 13, 2010, our response dated July 23, 2010, and your email dated July 30, 2010.

The FAA has responsibility for public safety with respect to civil aviation, and regulatory responsibilities with respect to many facets of aviation safety, including aircraft manufacturing, pilot licensing and airport safety. Our web site is very informative: [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov). As I mentioned in my previous letter, the FAA's responsibilities with regards to the OMP included the review and approval of the Airport Layout Plan.

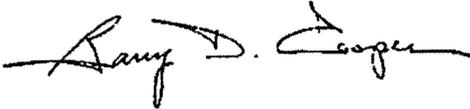
The FAA also has the responsibility to design and establish the routes that aircraft, such as the commercial air carriers using major airports, fly. Aircraft routing for O'Hare was reviewed as part of the environmental process that concluded in September 2005 with our Record of Decision and approval of the OMP. The link for the environmental document and decision are at: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_development/omp/eis/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/eis/). We also have a Frequently Asked Questions website regarding the OMP at this link: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_development/omp/FAQ/index.cfm](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/FAQ/index.cfm). Many of the questions and answers reference your concerns about the proximity of the airport to city and suburban residents.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, if you are concerned with the noise from O'Hare you may contact Chicago's noise complaint hotline at 1-800-435-9596. You may be interested to know that Niles is one of 29 municipalities that are members of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). The ONCC works with the City of Chicago to evaluate and mitigate noise impacts on the communities surrounding the airport. The specific roles and responsibilities of the ONCC, the Chicago Department of Aviation and the FAA are outlined on our website at: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_development/omp/faq/Media/ONCC\\_DOA\\_FAA\\_Roles.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/faq/Media/ONCC_DOA_FAA_Roles.pdf). If you are concerned with air quality in your area you may contact the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency through this web link: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/air/>. As citizens, these are your best avenues for voicing your concerns regarding O'Hare operations.

I hope this information, along with our previous correspondence and the conversations both Ms. Scott and I have had with you, addresses your questions. Again, thank you for sharing your perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry D. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Regional Administrator  
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