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Mr. Michael MacMullen
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Dear Mr. MacMullen: Mike

This letter pertains to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation and General Conformity Determination of July 2005 regarding O'Hare modernization.

The Village of Arlington Heights has historically voiced its concern regarding new runways and increased capacity at O'Hare International Airport. We understand that the proposed O'Hare Modernization Plan could result in a significant increase in the number of flights per day and as a result, the Village has concerns about possible impact.

Sound insulation for homes and schools in areas that would be impacted would be essential should the proposed modernization move forward.

The Village expects that the previous commitment of adhering to a contour no bigger than the year 2000 standard will continue in place. In addition, we expect that there will continue to be strict adherence to the Fly Quiet hours of 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. and will remain in effect during the transition to the new configuration.

We are concerned that the Mitigation Summary on Page 48 does not mention increased funding for the development of quieter airplane engines. In addition, there is no mention of flight track adherence programs and funding for same.

Please give the comments herein your full consideration. The Village of Arlington Heights thanks you.

Sincerely,

Arlene J. Mulder
Mayor