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Mr. Barry Cooper
Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Region
Office of the Division Manager, AGL-600
2300 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am writing you today to share concerns raised by the Itasca Village Board and their residents last week when Aaron Frame from the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and I, presented an update on the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). The Itasca Village Board asked that I share two ideas with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

First, the Village would like the FAA to consider the idea of steepening the glide path for planes arriving at O'Hare International Airport. One resident commented that other airports have steeper glide paths in the 5 to 7 degree range. If that is accurate, it is requested that a list of US airports with steeper glide paths be shared with the Village of Itasca.

The second request relates to the estimated runway utilization at OMP build-out. Currently, 23.8% of annual night time arrivals are projected to occur on Runway 10 Left. The Village of Itasca would prefer that Runway 9 Right be utilized instead. Believing that there are fewer households under the Runway 9 Right glide path, the Village of Itasca believes utilizing Runway 9 Right for overnight arrivals would have a lesser environmental noise impact than utilizing Runway 10 Left.

Thank you for your consideration of these two requests. If you would like to discuss Itasca's concerns further, Mayor Jeffrey Pruyn can be reached at (630) 773-0835. As always, I am available at (773) 686-3198, should you have any questions for me.

Sincerely,

Brendan McLaughlin
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Arlene J. Mulder, ONCC Chairperson
Mayor Jeffrey Pruyn, Village of Itasca

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