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Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Park Ridge, many of whom are deeply affected by the noise and worried about the environmental impact relating to planes flying in and out of O'Hare International Airport over their community. The City of Park Ridge has sent you a formal request for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the O'Hare Airport Modernization Program (OMP). I ask that you give this request every consideration, in keeping with applicable rules and regulations. I look forward to meeting with you directly to talk about the issues raised in the city's request.

I have heard from many Park Ridge residents expressing their concern and anger about the airplanes that are constantly flying over their homes and schools, and how it is affecting their quality of life. In the request for a Supplemental EIS, the City of Park Ridge's attorney Richard Porter details a number of environmental and noise issues stemming from the airport that they want examined to determine their impact on Park Ridge residents and homes. The request states that since the final EIS was completed, changes have occurred that effect the environmental impact that the OMP has on the City of Park Ridge and surrounding communities, warranting that a supplemental EIS be completed.

I am concerned about the potential impact that the environmental and noise issues raised in this request have on Park Ridge and the other communities in my district that are affected by the airport. Therefore, I would appreciate your careful attention to Park Ridge's request for a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement addressing issues that the communities surrounding O'Hare are facing.

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress