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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Member, United States House
of Representatives
5533 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear Congresswoman Schakowsky:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 22, 2011, which you wrote on behalf of the residents of Park Ridge, Illinois, expressing concern about the environmental impacts of air traffic at O'Hare International Airport. Thank you for meeting with me on that same date to discuss those concerns in more detail.

As we discussed, I am in receipt of the letter from Richard Porter with the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, requesting, on behalf of the City of Park Ridge, that the Federal Aviation Administration prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the O'Hare Modernization Program. Our technical staff is in the process of reviewing the letter. I assure you we will give the request careful consideration. We will prepare a response to the letter and provide your office with a copy. I recently communicated to Mr. Porter that we plan to have a response completed prior to the end of January 2012.

Please feel free to contact me at 847-294-7294 if you would like to discuss this topic with me personally.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by
Barry D. Cooper**

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November 22, 2011

Barry Cooper, Regional Administrator
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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