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July 19, 2018

Mr. Daniel K. Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell:

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84.5, 85.5, 86, 87, 88, 89, 100,
205, 207, 214, 234, 299, 401

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is extremely disappointed by the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to delay the results of the nationwide annoyance survey. We have been patiently following the announcements and developments of the noise research roadmap plan on noise impacts since 2013.

In a letter to the ONCC dated December 24, 2013 the FAA said, "the current anticipated time for completing the national survey and the analysis of survey results is December 2015. We are moving as quickly as possible within the constraints of the sequential nature of this work."

Then the FAA released a statement dated May 7, 2015, saying "We understand the interest in expediting this research, and we will complete this work as quickly as possible."

The release went on to say that "the FAA obtained approval from the Office of Management and Budget to conduct the survey and hopes to finish gathering data by the end of 2016. The agency will then analyze the results to determine whether to update its methods for determining exposure to noise."

Recently on June 15, 2018, the Airport Noise Report (Volume 30, Number 19) wrote that the FAA could not say when the results of the survey would be released. "The survey results, which will determine if the agency needs to update its 40-year-old aircraft noise policy and the dose/response curve it uses to estimate community annoyance to aircraft noise were expected in June," reported ANR.

Now we are in the middle of July 2018 and still no survey findings from your agency. As community leaders we are losing our patience and ask that the findings be published immediately.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important national aircraft noise study.

Sincerely,



Arlene A. Juracek, Mount Prospect Mayor and
O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Chair

Cc: Rebecca MacPherson, Administrator, Great Lakes Region, FAA

U.S Senator Richard Durbin

U.S Senator Tammy Duckworth

U.S. Representatives Janice Schakowsky, Michael Quigley, Raja Krishnamoorthi
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