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**O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Public Comment on Chicago O'Hare International Airport Terminal Area Plan and Air Traffic Procedures Environmental Assessment and Conformity Determination**

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Chicago O'Hare International Airport Terminal Area Plan and Air Traffic Procedures Environmental Assessment and Conformity Determination.

As the ONCC is dedicated to reducing aircraft noise for our communities, our comments will focus on that aspect of the analysis.

While we understand that any noise contours developed for the report are based on modeling and are preliminary at this time, we strongly urge the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), assisted in whatever means possible by the FAA and other resources available, to continue the sound insulation program once the new noise contour is finalized and adopted. It is imperative that any significantly impacted homes or schools as well as any homes or schools newly added to the noise contour be offered sound mitigation. Most of these homes will not have historically experienced this level of noise. The Residential and School Sound Insulation programs improve the quality of life for residents living near one of the world's busiest airports by reducing the impact of aircraft noise. While we all share in the collective benefits of a world class airport, it has been the position of the CDA to offer mitigation for those residences and schools most impacted by noise and it is our hope that these programs will continue.

We recognize that the TAP buildout condition is only expected to be in place until a new noise contour is developed as part of the new Fly Quiet Program review process. The members of ONCC look forward to continuing our work with the CDA, FAA and other partners to facilitate the implementation of the new Fly Quiet Program, granting further relief and predictability to communities around O'Hare Airport.

We request that the CDA commit to continuing to advocate for the funds required to maintain the sound insulation program as long as there are impacted homes within the noise contours of the Airport.

It is the ONCC's understanding that this project does not involve runway construction. There is no planned scheduled runway construction or work that would affect runway use as part of this project. We understand that regular runway maintenance and rehabilitation may take place during this time that is not related to the TAP project and not included in this analysis.

In conclusion, we wish to express our disappointment with the public meeting process, the fact that the meetings were held virtually rather than in-person, and were held at the very end of the process allowing little time to formulate questions and comments on the report. We also regret that the FAA was unable to brief the ONCC until the last day before comments were due; this significantly hampered the organization's ability to distribute analysis to our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this project. We appreciate the partnership ONCC has with the FAA and CDA and look forward to continuing to work together to reduce the impacts of aircraft noise on communities in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph J. Annunzio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the "i" in "Annunzio".

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