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From : Ed Day

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Please accept the attached as a letter of support for the pending flight cap plan for Newark International Airport.

Thank you,

Edwin J. Day

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March 31, 2008

Public Safety Committee
Planning & Public Works Committee
Economic Development Committee

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Acting Administrator Bobby Sturgell
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Sturgell:

We, the entire Minority membership of the Rockland County Legislature, are contacting you to request your immediate action and support for the pending plan initiating flight caps at Newark International Airport.

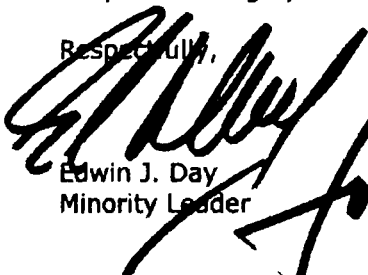
As you are aware, your agency announced a truly ill advised plan last year that would have sent hundreds of additional flights over Rockland County. A number of community members and elected officials have joined the call for the FAA to revisit the rationale and purpose of despoiling an entire community over the issue of saving a few minutes of flight time. Our legislature has authorized legal action on behalf of our citizens, and as you have found out already, we are not going to let this plan stand without a fight.

The belief here from day one has been that the FAA has, either by design or omission, laid out the groundwork for an air assault upon the people of Rockland. Worse still, this plan of nine years in the making was promulgated without even one public hearing within Rockland's border.

We will not belabor this matter for now as it is our understanding that, since airline over-scheduling and the trend for increased use of smaller planes has contributed to these delays and air congestion, this pending flight cap will essentially negate the need for this disastrous airspace redesign plan, as a cap should prove to be much more effective at managing the number of flights in the corridor.

On behalf of our constituents numbering over 100,000 here in Rockland, we not only urge your favorable consideration of the flight cap plan, and also the immediate withdrawal of the ill fated airspace redesign plan that by any logical measure has shown itself to be fully and fatally flawed.

Respectfully,


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