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Dear John,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of a draft resolution encouraging Congress to phase-out aircraft that were exempt from the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA). I plan to introduce the resolution in the New Jersey General Assembly during the 212th session which begins in January 2006.

As the former Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee in the most densely populated state in the Nation, I know well the issues facing airports and I know the challenges they face based on the concerns of residents living near them. I commend the airport community for taking the initiative to provide a real solution to aviation noise and I am proud that this particular grassroots effort began in my own legislative district at Morristown Municipal Airport.

I am confident that my Assembly colleagues will work with me and *Sound Initiative* to send a message to Congress that measurable noise relief can be achieved without costly studies in an era when government funding should be used for safety and security improvements. It only requires expanding a policy it enacted 15 years ago when it adopted ANCA.

I wish you all success with this effort and will keep you advised of the resolution's progress in the New Jersey General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Alex DeCroce

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Enclosure

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DRAFT RESOLUTION
NJ GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR INTRODUCTION IN JANUARY 2006 BY
ASSEMBLYMAN ALEX DECROCE

Memorializes Congress to phase-out certain aircraft.

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress to phase-out Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft weighing less than 75,000 pounds.

WHEREAS, The United States Congress determined that local concerns regarding noise pollution resulting from aviation travel led to uncoordinated and inconsistent restrictions upon the national aviation system which, if left unchecked, would have posed an impediment to the national air transportation system; and

WHEREAS, As a result, Congress enacted the federal "Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990," setting forth a national scheme for reducing excessive air noise by phasing-out older, less efficient, louder aircraft from air travel; and

WHEREAS, Congress provided a ten-year time-frame in which Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft weighing more than 75,000 pounds, namely commercial aircraft, were to be removed from service or undergo mechanical alterations which would reduce the level of noise produced, qualifying the aircraft for Stage 3 classification; and

WHEREAS, This Congressional mandate exempted certain types of smaller Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, often used for corporate or business travel, and which utilize general aviation airports in this State and throughout the country, from the phase-out time-frame; and

WHEREAS, These aircraft, not subject to the federal "Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990," generate an inordinate amount of excessive noise, yet, federal law and regulation restricts the actions that airport operators and the State may take in limiting these aircraft that produce such excessive noise; and

WHEREAS, As a result, those New Jersey residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding general aviation airports, especially near Teterboro Airport and Morristown Municipal Airport, have not experienced the same level of relief from excessive air noise as those individuals living in proximity to commercial airports; and

WHEREAS, The quality of life for many New Jersey citizens would vastly improve should Congress phase-out Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, weighing less than 75,000 pounds, that remain in service and

1. The General Assembly hereby memorializes the United States Congress to immediately commence phasing-out the remaining Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft, weighing less than 75,000 pounds, that generate excessive air noise and diminish the quality of life for so many residents of New Jersey.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from the State of New Jersey.

STATEMENT

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