

Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

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The Honorable J. Randolph Babbitt
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Regarding Santa Monica Airport (SMO)

Dear Administrator Babbitt:

First, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment.

On June 20, 2009, Senator Barbara Boxer sent you a letter expressing the concerns of Santa Monica Airport's surrounding communities with regard to toxic exposures from jet emissions. For some twenty years, attempts to draw attention to the seriousness of this matter have been passed over. Naturally, the problem has grown with the number of jet operations, and we have solicited the support of our Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, CA State Assemblyman Ted Lieu, Congresswoman Jane Harman, and now Senator Boxer is asking that you review the communities concerns. Aviation does not exist in a vacuum and overlooking critical health impacts is, and should be, unacceptable. Without a specified distance of a buffer area between jet blast and communities, what safeguards are there to protect people from excessive exposure?

On behalf of the Los Angeles and Santa Monica residents who have endured so much air pollution from Santa Monica Airport, I too urge that you take this issue under review. I also urge that community representation be part of your review process. I would be honored to participate in that regard. Please keep me informed with regard to this matter.

I am copying to you our thank-you letter to Senator Boxer along with this letter.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply,

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cc: Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Jane Harman, Congressman Henry Waxman, Dr. Mark Witten, CA Assemblyman Ted Lieu