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

Dear Administrator Babbitt:

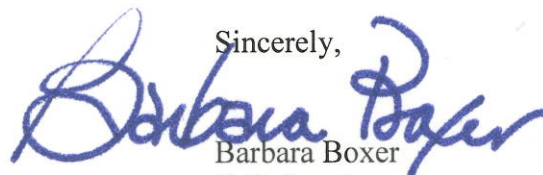
I understand that some residents of Santa Monica, California have expressed concern to the FAA regarding the health and environmental impacts of jet exhaust on the community surrounding Santa Monica Airport. Recently, some have requested that a study be done by the FAA to determine the effects of the exhaust pollution on neighborhoods closest to the operations areas of the airport. I ask that you review their request and take appropriate action as warranted.

According to Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosenthal, the location of the Santa Monica airport places some residential homes within 300 feet of jet blast of exhaust fumes during takeoffs. Besides air quality issues, residents have also cited safety concerns over the proximity of the runways to existing residential housing.

I request that you review the request of citizens in the Santa Monica area and take appropriate action as warranted under the jurisdiction of the FAA. I would also request that you keep my office apprised of the results of any investigation and any new developments regarding the FAA's regulation of aircraft operation at the Santa Monica airport.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
U.S. Senator

cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahl