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December 9, 2015

The Honorable Karen Bass
U.S. House of Representatives
408 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject: H.R. 3965 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Community
Accountability Act of 2015**

Dear Congresswoman Bass:

On behalf of the 40,000 residents of Culver City, the City Council thanks you for co-sponsoring H.R. 3965 - the FAA Community Accountability Act of 2015 (Act).

Culver City supports this Act as it directs the Administrator of the FAA to improve the current process underway to establish and revise flight paths and procedures as part of implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System Project (NextGen). Based upon significant resident input, it is clear Culver City is experiencing a significant impact related to overflights to and from Los Angeles International Airport, especially impacts related to noise and air quality.

The ombudspersons and public comment objectives identified in H.R. 3965 may lead to at least some limited relief to our community and to your District. This bill will ensure that the FAA Administrator "take[s] actions to limit negative impacts on the human environment in the vicinity of an affected airport; and (2) may give preference to overlays of existing flight paths or procedures to ensure compatibility with land use in the vicinity of an affected airport."

While Culver City has gone on record with its comments regarding the NextGen Project, clearly H.R. 3965 would constitute a small first step toward the FAA addressing the significant negative impacts associated with the implementation of NextGen at LAX. Culver City residents cannot simply be asked to accept greater and greater burdens due to LAX's increased overflights, especially at the lower altitudes implemented by NextGen. Such changes result in increased noise and other environmental impacts. Unfortunately, the impacts of these increased overflights cannot be mitigated without the implementation of policy changes at the FAA.

The Honorable Karen Bass

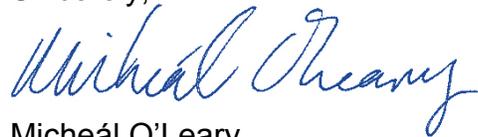
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Culver City joins with other cities nationwide, including Phoenix, Arizona; Baltimore, Maryland; New York, New York; and San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Cruz in California in voicing serious concerns with the current implementation of NextGen. Millions of Americans are experiencing serious negative impacts. Culver City welcomes the opportunity to work with you and other Members of Congress to seriously overhaul the NextGen implementation process.

I join my colleagues on the City Council and the 40,000 residents of Culver City in thanking you for your leadership in co-sponsoring the FAA Community Accountability Act of 2015. We all continue to appreciate your support in this area. If you have any questions, or if you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at (310) 754-9787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micheál O'Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Micheál O'Leary
Mayor

cc: The Honorable, Ruben Gallego, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Member of the State Senate
The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Member of the State Assembly
The Honorable Members of the City Council
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