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The Honorable Joe Neguse
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Neguse:

Thank you for your letter dated May 21, 2019, to former Acting Administrator Elwell about air traffic noise over Boulder County, Colorado. In your letter, you asked the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to perform actual sampling of noise data and stated your support of moving the proposed ZIMMR flight path south.

The FAA released the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on April 22, 2019, for a 45-day public review and comment period, which closed on June 6, 2019. Since your letter was received during the comment period, your input was addressed within the framework of the Draft EA for the Denver Metroplex Project.

The noise analysis evaluated noise exposure to communities within the General Study Area from aircraft forecasted to be operating under Instrument Flight Rules filed flight plans, at altitudes between ground level up to 10,000 feet above ground level (AGL). Noise modeling was conducted using Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) 2d, the FAA-required noise model for aviation projects, including air traffic changes over large areas and altitudes over 3,000 feet AGL.

The FAA is preparing the Final EA for the proposed Denver Metroplex Project, which will be made available to the public. The FAA will provide updates on the Denver Metroplex Project website located at http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/denver_metroplex/denver_introduction.html, and at the FAA Community Involvement website located at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_involvement/den/.

Substantive comments received from the public on the Draft EA, as well as the responses to the comments, will be included as an attachment with the Final EA.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and respond to your concerns. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Philip Newman, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

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