Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Michael Peter Huerta
Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: NextGen Air Traffic Impact in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties

Dear Administrator Huerta;

We are writing today to address the growing concern regarding aircraft noise in several Santa Clara and Santa Cruz County neighborhoods caused by the rerouting of large commercial aircraft pursuant to the NextGen air traffic control modernization program.

While we understand that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) notified various public officials in the planning stages of this project, it failed to effectively communicate the real world impact of these changes to the public. When the FAA began implementing the NextGen program last month, the dramatic increase in aircraft noise over previously peaceful neighborhoods in our respective districts came as a complete surprise to residents. This change has dramatically affected the quality of life in several quiet rural areas that had previously experienced little or no aircraft noise impacts.

Our offices will continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration in seeking out solutions to this issue. However, we respectfully request that the FAA hold public forums in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties in the immediate future in order to allow the constituents of our districts to voice their concerns.

Sincerely,

SAM FARR
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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