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Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Re-routing of a major flight path directly over our community

Dear Senator Feinstein,

Recently it was discovered that the FAA has decided to implement NextGEN GPS technology for routing flights across the nation. This is a welcome change, as the old radar systems were comparatively sloppy, expensive and unreliable.

However, in implementing better flight paths, the tens of thousands of residents in Lake Arrowhead are at risk of losing the major industry in our area, and the inevitable noise and nuisance levels that are sure to accompany the increase in air traffic will severely impact the second. Tourism, you see, is our lifeblood. People have visited Lake Arrowhead for the pure air, the trees and wildlife, and the peace. In fact, many visitors become so enchanted, they end up purchasing a cabin or a retirement home shortly thereafter.

Real Estate sales and rentals are our second largest local economic driver. Over a hundred flights a day, some below a thousand feet above our heads, will substantially change all of that. Residents have experienced noise levels so intense as to shake their windows, ceilings and walls. A visitor here won't be so strongly inclined to purchase a home where the peace and quiet they expect is demonstrably missing. Other residential areas similarly impacted have seen losses in property values of up to 27%, and that would be devastating in an already shaky real estate market.

The prior flight pattern was over unoccupied BLM and Forest Service land; the most notable landmark was the waste transfer station, known locally as "the dump." For thirty years, despite regular deviations and the resulting occasional noise, residents were quite happy with the effects. Today, there are hundreds who are working hard to collect an increasing number of

petition signatures to move the flight path back. A volunteer organization has sprung up, vowing to take whatever steps are necessary to make that happen. Local community groups and chapters of national groups are doing the same.

This Democratic Club, though strongly outnumbered by conservatives, is very active in the community, supporting good works, and at election time, putting out an impressive effort on behalf of Democratic candidates.

Today, we're pleading with our elected officials of all political colors to come to the aid of one of the few remaining refuges in Southern California. There may come a time when population pressures eliminate all of them, but that time does not need to be today; not with a little help from you. At our meeting this evening, the Mountain Bears Democratic Club unanimously agreed to support the efforts of MoveTheFlightPath.org to return to the traditional flight path.

Please join us in asking the FAA to perform this small task before adverse publicity causes them to lose even more public support for this worthwhile technological advance.

Sincerely,
(Signed)
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