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Dennis E. Roberts
Regional Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
15000 Aviation Blvd.
Lawndale, CA 90261

Dear Mr. Roberts,

As the Supervisor for South Orange County, I appreciate the efforts of the FAA in mitigating 'early turns' for easterly flights out of John Wayne Airport. Adherence to prescribed flight patterns and the reduction of 'early turns' has significantly depreciated impacts to large portions of my constituency.

While many individuals have benefited from the reduction of 'early turns', those who live directly under the prescribed flight path continue to receive continuous impacts from aircraft in flight. Routinely, we hear from these residents who voice discontent with the amount of noise which they attribute to the low altitude of the aircraft. Based upon our analysis, it appears commercial air traffic for planes departing John Wayne Airport to easterly destinations are crossing the coast at approximately 10,000 feet Mean Sea Level.

Moving forward, with mediation concluded, I would like to formally request your consideration for increasing the altitude of commercial flights for planes departing John Wayne Airport and traveling to easterly destinations in an effort to minimize impacts to the residents of South Orange County. Additionally, if increased altitude for these aircraft is not feasible or appropriate, I would like to know the details so I can share the response with residents of the community.

As their Supervisor, I make the previously mentioned request and look forward to hearing whether elevating altitudes of aircraft is feasible and can be implemented.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Bartlett".

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