

United States Senate

August 4, 2020

Emily Gabel-Luddy
Chair, Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force
275 East Olive Avenue,
Burbank, CA 91502


Dear Chair Gabel-Luddy,

Thank you for your efforts over the past year to make the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force a productive forum for discussing the disruption caused by the aviation noise in our communities.


In response to your letter June 1, 2020, please see the following enclosed letter sent to FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson regarding your recommendations and our collective desire to work with our colleagues in House and the FAA on those that may require federal legislation.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to identifying solutions for communities who have been adversely impacted by noise throughout the region.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator

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The Honorable Stephen Dickson
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Dickson,


I am sure you are familiar with the issues related to the airplane noise near Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY), and the urgent need to provide relief to the residents of the Southern San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains.

After conducting seven public hearings, the task force approved sixteen recommendations that seek to adjust the flight paths and altitudes of departing aircraft, reduce the concentration of flight paths, distribute airplane noise more equitably, and mitigate noise impacts. We encourage you to consider these recommendations as you engage in the next steps of this process to address these noise concerns.


We understand that some of the recommendations made by the task force may require federal legislation to be fully realized and look forward to working with you and our colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Thank you again for your contributions to this important conversation, and we look forward to continue working with you, the affected communities, the FAA, and our colleagues in the House to achieve meaningful relief for the residents of the San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains.

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