December 2, 2016

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 1022
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Huerta,

Thank you and your team for working tirelessly with the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals (SC) which we established to provide regional consensus on a number of equitable solutions to mitigate aircraft noise in our three congressional districts. We also appreciate the technical support provided by you and your team to the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable to assist them in developing their consensus based recommendations.

We thank you for listening to our constituents, engaging your staff and bringing a willingness and patience as we look to find a way forward. We quote from Chairman Simitian’s Transmittal of the Final Report to underscore this point, “As you well know, the process began with considerable public skepticism about the ability and willingness of the FAA to engage in a meaningful way. I must tell you that the staff of the FAA was exemplary in its persistence, patience, and professionalism throughout the process."

We salute and thank each Member and Alternate of the Select Committee for their dedicated and hard work over the last year. We concur with Chairman Simitian that the members of the public (up to 3,500) who participated in this process are to be thanked and appreciated for engaging us and for initiating this discussion with us after Next Gen was implemented with little public input.

Enclosed is the Select Committee's final report. We accept the Committee’s consensus based recommendations and request that you move forward to implement them as soon as possible.

We accept the Select Committee’s recommendation to support a successor organization associated with local government to be made up of local elected officials...
from our Congressional Districts and we will work with our incoming colleagues in the next Congress to determine how best to move forward with that recommendation.

Also enclosed is the Report of the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable containing their recommendations in response to the FAA Initiative. These recommendations are the result of more than nine months of community discussion through public meetings, technical sub-committee meetings and collaborative meetings with the FAA. Ultimately, all the report recommendations were approved by unanimous vote of the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable. We urge you to begin implementation of appropriate short term recommendations as soon as possible while working to attain the longer term recommendations.

We request that you provide us with a progress update on the reports from the Select Committee as well as the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable within 60 days. Thank you again for your cooperation and timely assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

Sam Farr  
Member of Congress

Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

cc:  Chairman and Members and Alternates of the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals  
Chairman and Members and Alternates of the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable  
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Enclosures