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Dear Friend,

Because you have previously contacted me about unacceptable levels of aircraft noise in our congressional district, I want to follow up with you on an important update.

Earlier this week the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released the *Initiative to Address Noise Concerns of Santa Cruz/Santa Clara/San Mateo/San Francisco Counties Feasibility Study*. This document represents the FAA's initial evaluation of the feasibility of community proposals that were put forward to address airplane noise. The FAA will now conduct public review as well as safety and environmental reviews of proposed airspace and procedural changes. The feasibility study can be viewed [here](#), along with the [appendices](#) and [executive summary](#).

Last month, I joined with Congressmembers Sam Farr and Jackie Speier to announce the formation of a new Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals to accept public input, review FAA proposals, and make recommendations on issues identified in the FAA's *Initiative* with a focus on arrival issues that primarily impact the South Bay Region. The Select Committee is comprised of 12 local elected officials from the three affected Congressional Districts (CA-14, CA-18, & CA-20) and the three affected counties (Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo) and will focus on regional solutions. The FAA will offer technical assistance to the Select Committee as needed.

On May 25, 2016, the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will hold its first public meeting in Santa Cruz County to discuss the *Feasibility Study* and next steps on the FAA *Initiative*. Additional meetings are scheduled in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and they are listed below. I encourage you to communicate your thoughts on the FAA's proposal to the Select Committee at an upcoming public meeting or to Committee members [directly](#).

Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals Public Meetings

Wednesday 25 May 2016
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
[307 Church Street, Santa Cruz](#)
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 15 June 2016
San Mateo County/venue to be determined
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 29 June 2016
Santa Clara County/venue to be determined
6:00 p.m.

I hope this information will be both instructive and helpful to you as we work to resolve the issue of the untenable aircraft noise in our congressional district and region.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



To share your thoughts or receive updates from me, please visit my [website](#).