

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20004

October 23, 2024

Mr. John Potter President and CEO Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority 1 Aviation Circle Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Potter,

We write to urge the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to fully support a Fly Quiet program for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), the Community Working Group on Noise's (CWG) Recommendation 27. Fly Quiet programs have been implemented successfully at a number of major airports, developed through cooperative initiatives between airlines and surrounding communities to reduce the effect of disruptive aircraft noise. CWG is currently interviewing several consulting groups that have worked with Fly Quiet programs throughout the country to select one that will help with program viability through the analysis of current flight data at DCA. The likely cost of such a consultant will be between \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year. The question of MWAA funding for such a program is on the agenda of your meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024. We ask that MWAA agree at that meeting to provide the funding necessary for the selected consultant.

One benefit of a Fly Quiet program for DCA is that the data gathered could someday support the work of a Subject Matter Expert who would help analyze potential operational alternatives aimed at reducing the most damaging noise. We note as well that the Federal Aviation Administration will be naming an Airplane Noise Advisory Committee which will include representatives of the communities most heavily affected by airplane noise. We hope MWAA will advocate to FAA for the inclusion of a representative from the District of Columbia to speak on behalf of its citizens who are denied the congressional representation to ensure their voices are heard.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

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