

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2007

The Honorable Marion C. Blakey
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Blakey:

We are writing to you to request changes to the Instrument Landing System (ILS) approach for Runway 19 (ILS-19) at Teterboro Airport.

We continue to share the concerns expressed by a number of our constituents and also the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey regarding the flight path approved for ILS-19 at Teterboro Airport. The flight path brings air traffic very close to several high-rise apartment and office buildings, as well as the Hackensack University Medical Center. Residents and visitors to these buildings and the medical center continue to express great alarm at the close proximity of many of these aircraft as they approach the airport.

We understand that the original intention of the ILS was to assist aircraft flying into Teterboro Airport during inclement weather. However, pilots have increasingly used the instrument approach during all weather conditions, exceeding the traffic anticipated by FAA officials when implementing the approach. Furthermore, there are approximately 30,000 more operations per year at Teterboro Airport than the FAA originally projected when developing ILS-19.

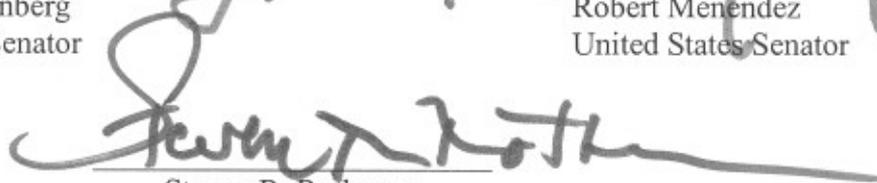
In order to improve the safety of Teterboro Airport as well as the airport's relationship with the surrounding community, we respectfully request that the FAA investigate the feasibility of amending ILS-19 to ease the concerns shared by our constituents. We ask that the FAA work with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to examine the possibility of changing the ILS approach in a way that steers aircraft away from the Hackensack University Medical Center and the surrounding residential buildings. Taking the proactive step of altering the existing ILS system would benefit all of the airports' stakeholders, including aircraft operators, passengers, and local residents.

We appreciate your attention to this request, and look forward to working with you to improve the safety of Teterboro Airport as well as the quality of life for those living near the airport.

Sincerely,


Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senator


Robert Menendez
United States Senator


Steven R. Rothman
Member of Congress