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Call For Aircraft Noise To Be A Major Factor In Redesign Of Airspace Routes

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) and U.S. Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ) led a group of nine members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation calling for a reduction in the aircraft noise plaguing many Garden State residents. Rothman and Corzine today authored a letter from the New Jersey delegation to every Member of Congress, urging that they make aircraft noise relief an issue when considering how the nation should redesign its airspace routes. In the letter, the members voiced their intention to work with other states also facing significant aircraft noise problems.

eee"For too many years, New Jersey residents have seen their health, welfare and quality-of-life suffer from the adverse effects caused by the airplanes that fly overhead. We now have an opportunity to address noise relief concerns within the context of the redesign of the nation's airspace," wrote the New Jersey delegation in the letter. "It is time to take action."

eeeThe FAA is currently undertaking a redesign of the entire nation's airspace, starting with the New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia area. Two of the stated objectives of this redesign are to reduce air traffic and increase safety. Aircraft noise reduction, however, is not a stated goal.

eee"We want to ensure that another goal of this redesign is the significant reduction of aircraft noise. We believe that a multi-state, bipartisan coalition can ensure this goal of the redesign as it begins in the New York-New Jersey area and continues across the country," wrote the members in their letter. "We must take meaningful steps to reduce aircraft noise and the threat it poses to the quality of life for millions of Americans."

eeeThe other Members who signed the letter were: Congressman Rob Andrews (D-NJ1), Congressman Mike Ferguson (R-NJ7), Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ11), Congressman Scott Garrett (R-NJ5), Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ12), Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ6), and Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ8).

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