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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
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Dear Attorney General Frosh:

I would like to join Governor Hogan in requesting that you file suit against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the residents of Maryland. Many families in Howard County have been suffering from the constant and continuous bombardment of noise from lower flying planes since the FAA implemented the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) at the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI) Airport.

Since the implementation of NextGen, planes arriving at, and departing from, BWI have been traveling in very narrow bands and at lower altitudes. As a result, residents living under or near the flight paths have been subjected to an unprecedented level of noise that has been life-changing.

It is clear that with the implementation of NextGen, the FAA failed to take careful consideration of the adverse impact to the local communities surrounding BWI. The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) has indicated to the FAA that the new procedures "do not comply with the MAA prepared, and FAA approved, Noise Compatibility Program (NCP), or our state mandated Noise Abatement Plan (NAP)."

Despite numerous letters from elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, the pace and scope of the FAA's response has been sorely lacking. It is imperative that we use all of the tools at our disposal, including taking legal action, to motivate the FAA to more expeditiously implement a solution to a problem that it has created. Accordingly, I urge you

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to file suit against the FAA to bring much-needed relief to the Maryland families who have been suffering.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please know that my office stands ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Allan H. Kittleman  
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cc: The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Governor, State of Maryland  
The Honorable Steven R. Schuh, Anne Arundel County Executive  
The Honorable Kevin B. Kamenetz, Baltimore County Executive  
The Honorable Jon Weinstein, Chair, Howard County Council  
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