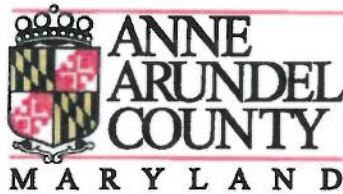


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April 5, 2017

Mr. Michael P. Huerta, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Subject: Airport Noise Concerns

Dear Administrator Huerta:

I write on behalf of several residents of Anne Arundel County who have expressed great frustration regarding recent increases in airport noise and negative impacts on quality of life in surrounding areas. Many residents have pointed out that change in noise levels began with implementation of the "Next Generation" (NextGen) Program. Recent statistics released by Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport indicates that they received 835 noise complaints in 2014 versus 1,849 in 2015, an increase of 121 percent.

Last month, at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), the DC Metroplex Roundtable convened for the first time to set the charter, goals, objectives and administrative actions. The roundtable is the first step to recognizing the concerns that many communities in Anne Arundel County have with the residual effects of the NextGen program. The DC Metroplex Roundtable will have the ability to serve the community as a framework of confidence between the constituency and FAA.

I would like to suggest strongly that, in addition to the workgroup, FAA and MAA conduct a town hall meeting in Anne Arundel County with the impacted communities to voice their concerns regarding departure procedures that were never addressed sufficiently by the Federal Aviation Administration's June 2013 Metroplex Airspace Environmental Assessment prior to implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for a town hall. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-222-1821 or steve.schuh@aacounty.org or Transit Officer Ramond Robinson at 410-222-3294 or ramond.robinson@aacounty.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven R. Schuh".

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