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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
James M. Hanley Federal Building
100 South Clinton Street, Room 841
Syracuse, New York 13261

Dear Senator Schumer:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ed Weiss and I've been given the privilege of serving as mayor of the Village of Shoreham, a small community on the North Shore of Long Island about 60 miles from New York City.

We are writing this letter to express our concern about low-flying aircraft, including seaplanes and helicopters. Over past years, most aircraft flying to and from New York along the North Shore have traveled over Long Island Sound, thereby minimizing noise pollution along the shoreline and inland. Now, however, there seems to have been a change so as to allow aircraft to fly over residential areas and at very low altitudes. As reflected by one of our residents ... "we had a series of helicopters flying so low over the backyard that they barely cleared the tree line. It was a little disconcerting." Other residents have expressed similar concern, stating that helicopters are now flying directly over their homes, homes located on or well inland of the shoreline.

As one would expect, the flyover activity is most concentrated from Thursday afternoon through Friday, and Sunday afternoon through Monday morning. The activity during these periods can be quite intense, as I can attest myself, with a seemingly steady stream of seaplanes and helicopters overhead. As one of our residents declared after witnessing five helicopters passing directly over her inland home, at times it's like being in a "war zone."

We wouldn't be surprised to learn that you've received any number of letters regarding low-flying aircraft or that you may have already started the process of finding a solution with the

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FAA. Whatever you can do to help us would be very much appreciated, not only by the residents of our community, but also those of other communities along the North Shore of the Island.

We look forward to your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'E. Weiss', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward J. Weiss
Mayor

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