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Mr. Michael P. Huerta

Administrator United States Federal Aviation Administration

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Dear Mr. Huerta,

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You have received a letter co-authored, signed and endorsed by four politicians in San Diego regarding FAA noise matters. Their concerns reflect that of citizenry who suffer daily from excessive and constant aviation noise from both the San Diego International Airport and North Island Naval Air Base helicopter operations. I am writing to you specifically concerning North Island's practices of letter helicopters idle, blades rotating at full velocity for hours-on-end. As an introduction let me tell you a little about myself. Prior to purchasing my home here in 2002, I lived on this street for two years. In 2006 I moved to Saratoga, California worked for a school district where I developed and implemented a successful program to improve social communication skills for Autistic children. After leaving my teaching job I moved back here in June 2015. Before moving to Saratoga I never heard the noise I hear now.

Had it been this obnoxious from helicopter noise you can be sure I would never have made Point Loma my permanent home. From the intensity of this noise coming from North Island Naval Base I would guess there are no less than twenty helicopters idling at a time. The noise generated from these huge cargo helicopters travels unabated across the San Diego Bay right up to our homes. I am singularly impacted because there is a large building just behind my home (Point Loma Nazarene University) and the "thudding" reverberation from high velocity rotations hits the building, is amplified and ricochets into our home. In essence I have surround-sound noise abuse. This noise is loud; it's constant, and pervasive. The noise is not just noise; it possesses physicality from displacement of air. I would liken it to living in a war zone, imparting a sense of being ill-at-ease, of dread, because the noise is constant, unlike a jet noise which is transitory- (however unpleasant that is too). I am sure you are aware of how noise pollution adversely impacts the health of humans (and animals) not only from a physiological standpoint, but a psychological one. Noise pollution causes stress, leading to long-term negative consequences to our health. There is the added stress of having no control over the noise.

My family's mental and physical health is suffering. Neighbors have posted how their health is negatively impacted from the presence of unrelenting noise. We have complained to the local authorities, written letters, called our Representatives who have jointly written to you. In summary, it is our contention that allowing helicopters to idle with blades rotating at full velocity for hours and hours- (ostensibly from 6:00 a.m. to after 10:00 p.m. sometimes until 2:00 a.m., per Mr. Bomyea, in charge of helicopter operations) is patently unacceptable and unsustainable when in close proximity to homes. As a tax-paying citizen I would like to feel my well-being, peace of mind and contentment in my home would count for something. I would like to remain in my home but I will be forced to

relocate for my family's health if the noise does not stop. I look forward to your correspondence as to how and, most importantly, when this practice of cargo helicopters idling all day long will discontinue

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Wesley Bomyea, Head of Operations, North Island Naval Base

Mr. Scott Peters

Ms. Lorie Zapf

Mr. Greg Cox

Mr. Kevin Faulconer

Mr. Gary Cathey

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2015/06/20/noise-pollution.aspx>

This link will explain the serious consequences to one's health from NOISE POLLUTION.