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Mr. Paul Anslow
Director, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport
11755 Airport Way
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Dear Mr. Anslow,

I am writing to express the serious concerns of many of my constituents experiencing increased aircraft noise over their homes. We have heard from countless constituents about the increase in aircraft noise pollution and the effect it is having on their health, safety and wellbeing. While I appreciate the work you are doing to engage the community and remedy this issue, there is still much more work to be done.

Many constituents in Louisville and Superior have lived in the area for many years, yet have noticed an increase in daily flights, especially those that are directly above their homes. I understand that many of these aircraft are from the flight schools based at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (RMMA), where pilots are conducting touch and go flights as part of their pilot training. The frequency of these low-altitude flights from the pilot training programs makes the noise pollution particularly impactful on my constituents. In addition to the constant noise, just a few weeks ago a plane ran off the edge of the runway at RMMA. This was understandably concerning to many of my constituents, who worry that aircraft from the airport could easily crash into or near their homes.

Right now, there are immediate steps RMMA can take to begin to alleviate the issues many of my constituents are facing, including:

- Adopting a voluntary curfew for the airport, particularly for the flight schools and flight operators based at RMMA.
- Educating flight school operators and pilots about noise abatement practices and procedures.
- Working with the FAA and RMMA air traffic controllers regarding flight paths and reducing the number of flight paths at low altitudes over residential areas
- Meeting with South Boulder County residents and the municipalities most affected by the noise pollution—Superior and Louisville—and acting on their recommendations to reduce aircraft noise pollution.

I appreciate you convening a meeting on Monday, September 30th between the airport, FAA, impacted municipalities and elected officials to begin to address these issues. I strongly support these city and county leaders and the affected residents in their efforts to reduce aircraft noise pollution, increase air safety, and collaborate with RMMA to implement a pilot education and noise abatement program.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the issues above, and to working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Neguse".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress

cc: Jefferson County Commissioners
Boulder County Commissioners