

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
c/c Federation of Community Councils
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Re: September 26, 2009 Hearing on Interaction between the Anchorage
International Airport and the Surrounding Community

Dear Chairman Kookesh and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

Thank you for taking the time on a Saturday, September 26 to hold a hearing concerning the interaction between the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and the surrounding community here in Anchorage.

We believe this is the first opportunity the communities of Turnagain, Spenard and Sand Lake have had to express our concerns directly to the Senate Transportation Committee over the operations of the Airport. While we all recognize the value of Ted Stevens International Airport and the International Airport System in Alaska, the Airport has not incorporated community concerns into its decision-making. This is not simply a concern about communication. Rather, the problem extends to the substance of the Airport's decisions.

We hope that as your committee works on airport substantive oversight and budget issues that you will keep the concerns expressed by the communities at the hearing in mind. We also ask that you raise these issues directly with the Airport and in future hearings.

We specifically ask that you to closely monitor four on-going Airport issues:

1) the Airport's cooperation in the Municipality of Anchorage's West Anchorage District Plan and whether the Airport addresses and resolves neighborhood concerns through the Plan;

2) the Airport's update of its 1997 noise study;

3) the Airport's funding of the noise mitigation measures called for by the 1997 noise study; and

4) the Airport's efforts to address new EPA de-icing fluid best management practices, including the proposed private sector initiatives to build an infrared de-icing facility at the Airport.


We have a number of questions that were not addressed by the Airport in its presentation to the Committee. We will be forwarding those questions to the Committee in the future for its consideration. We look forward to working with the Committee and thank you for holding this hearing.

Very truly yours,


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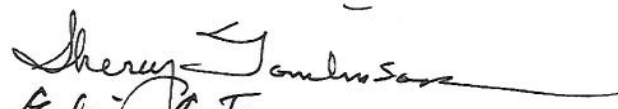
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You!


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John Parrot, Airport Manager
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Merle Akers

Thank you
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Sheryl Gaudin
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