

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 9, 2013

Ms. Rosemarie Andolino
Commissioner
Department of Aviation
City of Chicago

Dear Ms. Andolino:

The opening of runway 10C/28C in a few days will bring an intense change to air traffic patterns—and an increase in noise pollution—over many homes in the 5th and 9th Congressional Districts.

We are concerned about the additional noise that our constituents will experience. The new runway and predominant east/west flow will mean scores—if not hundreds--of additional flights overhead every day in our Districts.

We appreciate the role the new runway plays in safe and efficient flight operations. And with thousands of constituents in our Districts holding airport-related jobs, we know firsthand the importance of O'Hare to the local and regional economy.

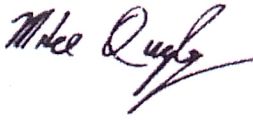
But we don't believe that vibrant neighborhoods and stable property values should be sacrificed solely in the name of airport efficiency and economic growth. A robust O'Hare and livable neighborhoods in the 5th and 9th Congressional Districts need not be mutually exclusive in our view.

But to achieve that goal, we believe changes must be explored. Can flight paths be adjusted to minimize air traffic over the most densely populated areas of our Districts? Can the Fly Quiet program be expanded—beginning earlier than 10 p.m., for example—and modified before the 2020 build out is complete? We understand there are significant obstacles revisiting Fly Quiet prior to build out, but seven years is too long to wait to make changes to this important program.

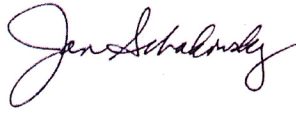
We know the Dept. of Aviation and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission have worked hard to address citizens' noise concerns, spending more than \$500 million on sound insulation. But with the O'Hare Modernization Program—and the air traffic it will bring—we need to do more.

We pledge to do our part in Congress and hope we can work together to explore every option to bring relief to those residents most affected by the changes coming to O'Hare.

Sincerely,

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Mike Quigley
Member of Congress

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