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Mr. Flavio Leo  
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Dear Mr. Leo:

Thank you for meeting with me on August 10, 2015 to discuss the impact of airport noise on residents of East Boston. I appreciate your taking the time to answer my questions and explain the guidelines and restrictions surrounding noise abatement. Having reviewed your responses and spoken extensively on this issue with members of the community, I write to make the following proposals as next steps to benefit the residents of our neighborhood.

As we discussed, airport noise complaints are one of the highest volume of constituent issues in my office. Of those calls, the majority claim that the planes have become increasingly louder and closer than ever before.

In order to be proactive against the increase in noise due to air travel, I want to focus on the following five main points to mitigate airport noise:

1. **Collaborate on noise mitigation:** I want to work collaboratively with Massport and the community. I would like to ask that Massport sign a letter with East Boston's elected officials to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") requesting additional funds for soundproofing the community, citing the geography and increasing density of the community. East Boston is not well served by the current contour formula and standards.
2. **Collaborate on noise reduction:** After reviewing efforts by other airport authorities across the US, Massport should join the community in requesting the FAA to approve

decibel level restrictions for late evening and morning flights. These restrictions are legally possible and would need the full support of Massport to achieve FAA approval.

3. **Ensure that “Head to Head” remains and is enforced overnight:** Stricter and continuous enforcement of “Head to Head” operations at night must be established. I would like more information about the flights that are eligible for this operation. In addition, I would like to see percentage data on how often “Head to Head” is used during its operational hours.
4. **Establish a Rotational Program at Logan Airport:** Although we discussed the use of Preferential Runway Assignment System (“PRAS”) in the past, and how it was unsuccessful due to its strictly algorithmic programming, creating some type of Rotational Program at Logan Airport would ensure a reduction in the dwelling of flight paths over certain parts of the neighborhood for an extended period of time.
5. **Provide noise data to elected officials:** I would like to request that the elected officials of East Boston receive copies of airport impact reports as per the Blast Fence Agreement. This would include data on noise impacts (i.e. community microphones), departure and landing records, and environmental impact reports.

As landlord of Logan Airport, Massport can help the community of East Boston advocate for these measures with the FAA. Massport can work together with elected officials and community activists to provide relief to the residents in this neighborhood. I ask that you consider expanding Massport’s collaboration with us, as both leaders and neighbors, and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



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