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Dear Mr. Alaee,

Because you have previously contacted me regarding flight path changes and an increase in aircraft noise affecting you and your community, I want to share some of my recent work with you on this issue.

I've joined with several of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to introduce the *Airplane Impacts Mitigation* (*AIM*) *Act* which requires a comprehensive study of the health impacts of frequent airplane overflights. As the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has implemented new flight paths in our region over the last 18 months, many of you have told me that you or your children are having trouble sleeping or have increased stress due to the constant noise of planes flying overhead. The *AIM Act* requires the FAA to contract with a school of public health to study health impacts of airplane noise and air pollution in the wake of the FAA's implementation of narrower flight paths under the NextGen program. The study is required to examine the health impacts of aircraft overflights in the Northern California Metroplex and other metropolitan areas around the country. This will provide important information that can be used to shape future airspace planning decisions and ensure that the impacts on the ground of flight paths are properly considered.

Should you have any questions or comments, let me hear from you. I value what my constituents say to me, and I always need your thoughts and benefit from your ideas.

Most gratefully,

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