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Dear Mr. Huerta, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Ray:

We are writing to thank Mr. Martin and Ms. Ray, along with their FAA colleagues, for meeting with us to discuss the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) new jet flight paths over Santa Cruz County. As we have indicated in that meeting and in prior correspondence (attached), the new flight paths have dramatically affected the quality of life of our citizens, as evidenced by the thousands of complaints received by our offices and by the San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a clear outline of the actions we have requested from the FAA representatives present at the meeting.

We respectively request that the FAA investigate taking the following actions and respond to us within thirty days in writing regarding the feasibility, timeline, and process to implement these actions:

1. Immediately return SERFR ONE route to BIG SUR TWO, reinstating the constraints that worked for over 40 years.

2. If it is not possible to return to BIG SUR TWO, implement the constraints that BIG SUR TWO used on SERFR ONE. Consider raising the altitudes of the flight paths, reducing air braking and/or fanning the paths over a wider range. Also, please address and enforce the Class B airspace regulations as some aircraft are violating these.
3. Work with local government agencies and community groups to fully understand the scope and mitigate the current and possible future noise impingements from the following RNAV routes: BRIXX, SSTIK, and CNDLE. Also, address and enforce the Class B airspace regulations as some aircraft are violating the 8K floor.

4. Commit to engaging in a continuing dialogue with local government agencies and community groups regarding the identified impacts and mitigations, including attendance at one or more informational meetings open to the public to occur within the next 60 days.

We appreciate the time and attention the FAA has devoted to this matter and look forward to the agency's timely response regarding the requested actions.

Sincerely,

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