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PASCACK VALLEY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

June 28, 2023

Marie Kennington-Gardiner FAA Eastern Region Administrator 1 Aviation Plaza Jamaica, New York 11434

RE: Supporting TANS Inquiries Regarding Aircraft Noise

Dear Ms. Kennington-Gardiner:

The Pascack Valley Mayor's Association is comprised of the Mayors of 10 Pascack Valley towns in Bergen County NJ, representing more than 100,000 residents.

Our members have been fielding a growing number of complaints and concerns regarding planes landing at Teterboro Airport. The planes come in low and loud over residential neighborhoods, 7 days a week at all hours. After the pandemic travel lull, the flights now seem to come one after the other, often appearing over residential neighborhoods at heights lower than prescribed for the type of aircraft.

We fully endorse TANS (Taxpayers for Aircraft Noise Solutions) efforts to understand why FAA traffic controllers are not directing more flights approaching Runway 19 to the RNAV – GPX-S "alternate" route, especially during the more troublesome weekend and evening hours.

We appreciate the utilization of this alternate route has increased from 3% (when PVMA members sat in on a zoom conference with Teterboro administrators in February 2022) to 10% now. However, the increased volume of flights depreciates that gain.

In February 2022, the PVMA formally requested a seat on TANNAC. We were rebuffed.

The grass roots TANS group has been steadily gaining members. Some our towns have already assigned council members who will liaise and report back to their governing bodies on progress, or lack thereof, on these issues.

The group has set out a series a reasonable threshold questions that deserve answers.

Representing the residents of Emerson, Hillsdale, Montvale, Old Tappan, Oradell, Park Ridge, River Vale, Washington Township, Westwood and Woodcliff Lake Since 1966.



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The PVMA unanimously supports this request and we urge you to provide answers and engagement, that might yield greater utilization of the RNAV – GPX-S approach to Runway 19, as was the purpose behind its creation.

Sincerely,

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