

Concerned Citizens

Once again, we find ourselves in a fight for our homes and our tax dollars. The latest rebirth of the airport in Will County is being called the South Suburban Airport. At least the groups in South Suburban Cook County have taken ownership over THEIR project by naming it after themselves instead of the people (in Will County) who DON'T want it.

As you may know, when the Economic Development Act of 2013 legislation passed to approve the airport, they needed investors and a two-phase study that needed prove it would not harmfully impact the environment or the county and would show a need for another cargo airport here in Illinois. When the investors didn't come, the movement for the airport lost momentum and died away from the view of the public. But it has not ended. The 1st phase has passed, and they are on to the 2nd phase which is proving that this airport is needed.

Right now, Bill HB2531 which is an amendment to the act passed in 2014 has passed the house and is on its way to the Senate. Currently it is un-assigned in the Senate. What we are trying to do now is amend the bill, they are trying to replace.

Our amendments to this new bill are:

- 1) All Contracts or Private / Public Agreements entered by the Illinois Department of Transportation be with people, entities, LLCs, or Corporations that are not foreign owned or controlled
- 2) All Sub-contractors hired to fulfil any portion of any contract or Private / Public agreements be American owned Company, LLC, or Corporation
- 3) That all Contracts or Private / Public agreements entered by the Illinois Department of Transportation be in length of no more than 25 years not 75 years.
- 4) If airport promoters do not find a developer who agrees to pay for the construction of the airport, as well as surrounding infrastructure, by December 31, 2023, then IDOT shall end the project and sell all the land acquired for the airport, in a process to be determined by the state legislature.

In the meantime, we plan to oppose this airport with all our might, and to do that we will need your help with Witness slips, petitions and signs in your yards. If you are willing to do this please visit my website www.danjbutler.com or on facebook at [Daniel J Butler For Will County Board District 3 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DanielJButlerForWillCountyBoardDistrict3)

Feel free to email me as well at dbutler@willcountyillinois.com

I will post events and calls for action on these two sites and keep you updated on our progress. Please be part of our team and make a difference.

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