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Dear Representative Feeney,   
  
We are writing to request your urgent attention to the inequitable and hazardous impacts of Norwood Memorial Airport’s operations on the [Town of Canton, Massachusetts]. Our community faces daily exposure to low-altitude repetitive overflights that generate both disruptive aircraft noise and toxic lead emissions.  
  
Children at our [Kennedy and Hansen Elementary schools], our local playgrounds, children’s sports fields and our homes are directly in the path of these flights. Yet no comprehensive noise study has been conducted since 1997 and has not included Canton or the surrounding towns. To our knowledge, no lead or environmental pollution study has ever been performed.

Repetitive Noise and lead pollution impacts have been shown to severely impact us, children are particularly at risk. Increased Lead pollution has been found within 1500 feet of the operation of small aircraft. Please see citations below. All these low-level repetitive flights are well under 1500 feet and directly over our families. (800-1100 feet)

These over flights are the same aircraft, sometimes 3-4 at the same time in succession, causing a steady stream of noise and lead contamination raining down on us. They begin at 8 AM in the morning and go well into the night 10 PM and on occasion after midnight. This a severe impact on our quality of health and life, it’s increasing!

The town of Norwood Massachusetts operating the Airport has worked with the FAA to create flight paths to mitigate overflights of aircraft for itself (the town of Norwood) and to direct the aircraft to overfly Canton Massachusetts and the surrounding towns! Hundreds of complaints have been filed, requests to modify the flight paths made, all with no response. There is more than adequate non-residential space in our area to redesign the airports flight paths to mitigate the issues for all.

Additionally, the Airport has plans to expand operations, increasing the noise and lead pollution on our residents. This expansion project’s grant has been covertly processed without proper noise or lead impact studies, without knowledge or engagement of the surrounding towns residents.

We urge your offices to:

* STOP all expansion project related funding for the Norwood Memorial airport. Enforce transparency and mandate surrounding towns inclusion in any future airport expansions.
* Immediately engage the FAA to mandate equitable flight routing that does not place repetitive low-level flights over our residential areas, schools and playgrounds.
* Demand updated comprehensive and independent FAA. EPA and MassDOT studies on noise and lead pollution relative to the operation of the Norwood Memorial Airport and its aircraft (they must include Canton Massachusetts)
* Immediately mandate that the Norwood Memorial Airport’s management board include equal representation from all Airport impacted surrounding towns.
* Provide federal oversight and accountability to ensure our children’s health and our residents’ quality of life are protected. This must come first relative to any airport use, why do we have a local municipal airport if its not for the benefit of the surrounding community?

Canton families deserve fairness, transparency, and protection from man-made environmental harm. We respectfully ask for your leadership on this matter.  
  
Sincerely,

Your Constituents of Canton Massachusetts

[Your name and signature here]

References: Please see attachments:

**Refer to attached documents for comprehensive small airport impact studies:**

* Aircraft Noise and Health Impacts Studies in table format 090525
* Lead Pollution from Small Aircraft Operation 090525

**Websites other:**

* <https://nomassairnoise.org/>
* [Local airport pollution](https://www.google.com/search?q=what+can+we+do+about+a+local+airport+that+is+purposely+polluting+our+town+in+massachusetts&sca_esv=f4a7a166fe39655a&sxsrf=AE3TifO1Pc-2cx1zWcTSTJr1swklNPQaUw%3A1755719895473&ei=1yimaOrNHIj-ptQP9r-HiA4&ved=0ahUKEwiqlcellpqPAxUIv4kEHfbfAeEQ4dUDCBA&uact=5&oq=what+can+we+do+about+a+local+airport+that+is+purposely+polluting+our+town+in+massachusetts&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiWndoYXQgY2FuIHdlIGRvIGFib3V0IGEgbG9jYWwgYWlycG9ydCB0aGF0IGlzIHB1cnBvc2VseSBwb2xsdXRpbmcgb3VyIHRvd24gaW4gbWFzc2FjaHVzZXR0c0i3qAJQ29oBWLSmAnAEeAGQAQCYAZsBoAHTF6oBBDMwLja4AQPIAQD4AQGYAgugApIHwgIKEAAYsAMY1gQYR8ICBRAhGKABwgIFECEYqwLCAgQQIRgKwgIFECEYkgOYAwCIBgGQBgaSBwM2LjWgB7ZOsgcDMy41uAeJB8IHBjAuMTAuMcgHGA&sclient=gws-wiz-serp)
* [Norwood Airport negative impacts](https://www.google.com/search?q=norwood+airport+negative+impacts+on+surrounding+towns&sca_esv=f4a7a166fe39655a&sxsrf=AE3TifOAEwREFtUVTdx0-Nd8QutfxDHj5Q%3A1755719955361&ei=EymmaPjqFbGrptQPocq_6Qk&ved=0ahUKEwi4wI7ClpqPAxWxlYkEHSHlL50Q4dUDCBA&uact=5&oq=norwood+airport+negative+impacts+on+surrounding+towns&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiNW5vcndvb2QgYWlycG9ydCBuZWdhdGl2ZSBpbXBhY3RzIG9uIHN1cnJvdW5kaW5nIHRvd25zMgUQIRigATIFECEYoAEyBRAhGKABMgUQIRigATIFECEYqwJIpLcBULQkWMymAXACeAGQAQCYAacBoAG-&sclient=gws-wiz-serp)

**Norwood Airport Master Plan:**

* [Norwood Airport Technical Master Plan Update](https://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/document_center/Airport/FINAL%20--%20Norwood%20Memorial%20Airport%20Technical%20Master%20Plan%20Update%202020.pdf)