



February 9, 2015

East Hampton Town Board
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton New York, 11937

Supervisor Cantwell and Members of the Town Board,

The *Final Report and Recommendations of the Airport Planning Committee, Noise-Sub-committee to the East Hampton Town Board* dated January 20th, 2015, does not consider or quantify possible impacts to the hamlet of Montauk, its economy, environment or residents' quality of life should the proposed Airport Noise Legislation be adopted.

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) believes strongly that the Town Board has a responsibility to:

- Understand and describe possible impacts to Montauk stemming from the proposed legislation
- Demonstrate whether alternatives to the proposed legislation could achieve similar results for East Hampton while minimizing or eliminating impacts for Montauk
- Identify specific measures that could minimize impacts to Montauk

The aviation consultants working for East Hampton Town should be tasked with determining where traffic currently landing at East Hampton Airport is most likely to land in the event restrictions are adopted, including projections for Montauk Airport, Gabreski Airport and the Southampton Dune Road heliport. This analysis should reflect the categories shown on page 42 of the Final Report and Recommendations document. Given the importance of this data to public understanding of the proposed legislation and its possible impacts, no public hearing should be held before the information is available.

Finally, CCOM requests that the Town begin working with the Federal Aviation Administration, US Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Lee Zeldin to put in place a mandatory over water approach for helicopters landing at Montauk. Such a requirement could be similar to the existing mandated approach in place through 2016 for helicopter traffic approaching East Hampton Airport.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these important issues.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Samuelson
Executive Director