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TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

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Town Board of the Town of East Hampton
Town of East Hampton
159 Pantigo Road
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Re: Proposed Regulations at East Hampton Airport

Dear Town Board Members:

On behalf of the Town of Riverhead, I had the opportunity to attend the public hearing last week regarding the proposed regulations at the East Hampton Airport that would, among other things, ban helicopters from using the East Hampton Airport on weekends during the summer months.

I applaud the Town Board for taking action to try to improve the quality of life of its residents. As local elected officials, it is one of our fundamental duties to work to protect and improve the quality of life of our citizenry. I would respectfully request however, that the Town Board not only consider the effects that the proposed legislation would have on the residents of East Hampton, but also consider the impact the proposed legislation would have on all of the East End Towns. I have spoken with civic organizations representing the hamlets of Calverton, Wading River, Jamesport, and South Jamesport. They share my concern that an unintended consequence of the proposed legislation will be an increase in helicopter noise over their communities from helicopters going from the Long Island Sound to Gabreski Airport.

I am aware that Congressman Zeldin has written to FAA calling for immediate relief for several of the East End towns from the noise generated by helicopters flying into and out of East Hampton Airport. I, and other members of the Riverhead Town Board, had the opportunity last week to attend a press conference along with officials from Southold, East Hampton, and Shelter Island, wherein Congressman Zeldin called for East End Towns to unite together to pursue common sense solutions to reduce helicopter noise. Regardless of whether the East Hampton Town Board adopts the proposed regulations, I would urge the Town Board to continue work with the rest of the East End Towns, along with our Federal, State and County elected officials, to find a regional solution to a problem effecting all of our residents.

Respectfully,

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Councilperson for the Town of Riverhead

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