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Subject: Village of Southampton

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding some of the proposed legislation focused on helicopter traffic at the Easthampton Airport. The Village of Southampton has over past several years focused on helicopter traffic flow at the Village's helipad designated 87N. Through legislation regarding operating hours, approach and departure paths and aircraft size combined with developing a relationship with the Eastern Regional Helicopter Association, we have significantly improved the negative impact to surrounding homes.

We support the legislation limiting hours of operation. I believe that you can limit the hours even more than the proposed times. The Village hours of operation in the peak summer months are 0800 to 1900 hours. These times have worked and I would recommend the same for you.

We support the concept of two landings per helicopter on a weekly basis. This eliminates the ride share concept which was troublesome last summer at the 87N. This concept we will explore.

I am concerned that eliminating helicopter activity on the weekends and holidays will have a negative impact on the Village of Southampton. 87N is an unmanned station with no emergency services. We currently have about 1000 landings per year. If we received 10% of your overflow, operations would double leaving us with a serious safety issue.

Please consider my comments when making your decision.

Sincerely
Mark Epley
Mayor
Village of Southampton

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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