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By ECF

The Honorable Joanna Seybert  
United States District Court  
100 Federal Plaza  
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: *Friends of the East Hampton Airport, Inc. v. Town of East Hampton*

Dear Judge Seybert:

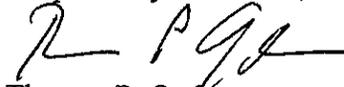
We submit the following in response to the disparaging comments in plaintiffs' opposition to the Committee's motion to file amicus curiae brief.

Committee Chairman Pat Trunzo, III is a former Town Councilman and Deputy Supervisor, and a current member of the Town Board's Airport Management Advisory Committee. Committee Member David Gruber chaired the Noise Subcommittee of the Town Board's Airport Planning Committee, and also serves with Mr. Trunzo on the Airport Management Advisory Committee, alongside representatives of local aviation interests.

The Committee's efforts are supported by the Quiet Skies Coalition, the main citizens group opposed to excessive noise pollution caused by the East Hampton Airport. Among its leaders are representatives of various well-established civic and environmental organizations on the East End, including the East Hampton Village Preservation Society and the Northwest Alliance.

By contrast, plaintiffs are led by two powerful national lobbies, the National Business Aviation Association and Helicopter Association International. Both routinely participate as amicus curiae in litigation all over the United States.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs are thus in no position to question that the Committee and its many local supporters should have a voice this litigation.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas P. Ogden

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<sup>1</sup> As one example, Helicopter Association International appeared as amicus curiae before the Second Circuit in *National Helicopter*.