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CC:

June 30, 2015

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand U.S. Senator 155 Pinelawn Road – Suite 250 North Melville, NY 11747

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

As you know the Federal Judge (in the lawsuit in which the FAA is actively participating) last week enjoined East Hampton from enforcing one of its three relatively mild legislative restrictions on helicopter traffic to and from East Hampton Airport. The high season has begun and the helicopter traffic continues to be a serious environmental issue affecting not only East Hampton but neighboring Towns and Villages as well.

I am writing you on behalf of the Supervisors and Mayors in the East End Supervisors and Mayors Association to urge your active support in the Senate of Congressman Lee Zeldin's amendment to the Transportation Appropriations bill (HR2577) limiting the FAA's power to intervene in the local operation of this airport.

We have commented on this issue previously but I would, nonetheless, be happy to discuss further with you or your staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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I applaud your recent initiatives but more needs to be done. On behalf of the East End Supervisors and Mayors, I urge you to give your active support in the Senate to Congressman Lee Zeldin's amendment to the Transportation Appropriations bill (HR2577) limiting the FAA's power to intervene in the local operation of this airport.

I would be happy to discuss any aspect of this issue further with you or your staff.

Thank you for your attention to this critically important matter.

Sincerely, Joug harly

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