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Dear Candidate:

Airport noise and the proposed implementation of Performance Based Navigation/Required Navigation (PBN/RNAV) is an ongoing issue with Minneapolis neighbors. FAA's proposed RNAV flight paths will place major, heavily-concentrated, departure and arrival tracks over the lower half of Minneapolis, fanning out with a track - or "freeway in the sky" - approximately every eight blocks. The impact of this change will be profound:

- Approximately 35% of all Minneapolis students are within two blocks of the heaviest tracks, bringing on average one departure every three minutes for eight hours a day
- Research shows that property values under these freeways in the sky will decrease ~20%, yet because of the noise overlap from neighboring tracks, there is no "safe" area that is not impacted by the new noise levels, and there will be no corresponding increase in property values. This, of course, will have a negative effect on property taxes
- A newly published medical research study shows a direct link between airplane noise and increased risk of cardiovascular disease

Yet, with these and other points, the FAA and MAC have no plans to conduct a thorough environmental review of the impact in our neighborhoods.

MSP FairSkies Coalition was formed by residents in the Twin Cities to make sure residents have a say in airport issues that impact levels of airplane noise and air pollution in our neighborhoods. Our goal is MSP Airport "smart growth" – an approach that balances growth of the airport without sacrificing the livability of our neighborhoods.

Many of our coalition members and the greater community are asking specifically what position each of the candidates for mayor and city council have on the RNAV issue and the airport as a whole. To this end, we are requesting that each candidate provide answers to the following questions. Please provide your detailed answers and we will post them on our website (mspfairskies.org) and publish in an election newsletter on October 25th to the over 4,000 petition signers.

1. What is your opinion of the planned PBN/RNAV implementation at MSP?
2. What have you done in the past to support our plan to support efforts by Minneapolis citizens to change the PBN/RNAV tracks and what is your plan to support the cause in the future?
3. Since time is of the essence, what specific actions will you take in the first 90 days in office to with regard to PBN/RNAV?
4. What is your long term vision for MSP Airport, taking into consideration the projected growth in the airline industry?

Responses can be emailed to steve@mspfairskies.org. Please use the subject "Candidate Response" in the email subject line.

Thank you and good luck in the upcoming elections.

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