

April 19, 2019

The Honorable Phyllis J. Randall, Chair
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
1 Harrison Street, S.E., 5th Floor
Leesburg, VA 20177

RE: Washington Dulles International Airport Noise Contour Map Update

Dear Ms. Randall:

You will recall in January 2018, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) established a Local Jurisdictional Stakeholder Working Group for the Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles International) Noise Contour Map Update to reflect future changes in the aviation environment, including implementation of the Federal Aviation Administration's NextGen modernization program and to assist local governments as localities guide land use for Airport-compatibility planning and zoning in the region. Since that time and at the direction of Loudoun County Administrator, Mr. Tim Hemstreet, two County staff (Mr. John Merrithew and Ms. Theresa Stein) have represented Loudoun County on the Stakeholder's Working Group. The Airports Authority is most appreciative for the insightful questions and strong participation of your County staff throughout this process. I am pleased to report the Airports Authority's update to the Dulles International noise contour map is complete and, subsequent to the briefing your Board of Supervisors received on March 5, 2019, the latest noise contours for Dulles International's ultimate buildout have been delivered to Loudoun County staff for the County's future consideration toward land use planning.

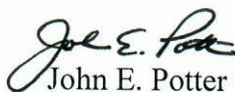
This letter is to formally request the Board of Supervisors consider amending the draft 2040 Loudoun County Comprehensive Plan (Plan) to incorporate Dulles International updated noise contours into the Plan by adding policy language to: 1) consider the updated contours when evaluating legislative development applications and 2) direct the County to amend the Zoning Ordinance by aligning the Airport Impact Overlay District boundaries to both the updated contours and the Zoning Map's existing contours. It is helpful and important for Loudoun County to consider this legislative step at this time and prior to any future development proposal that might propose aircraft noise-sensitive uses without accounting for the latest noise contours for Dulles International's ultimate buildout.



The Airports Authority clearly recognizes how well Loudoun County's foresight to date in developing airport-compatible land use planning serves both your local jurisdiction and the region and it is, indeed, a direct and important component of Dulles International's capacity to further contribute to the region's economic growth and long-term success. We are pleased to have been afforded the opportunity to again collaborate with Loudoun County on this recent effort to update Dulles International's noise contours. As Loudoun County might now consider beginning a legislative process to make best use of the Dulles International noise contour updates that have been developed, please be assured of my support and our continued, Airports Authority's staff assistance as required. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or please contact Mr. Michael Cooper, Manager, State and Local Government Affairs, at michael.cooper@mwa.com or (571) 239-0721.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Potter
President and Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Mr. Tim Hemstreet, Loudoun County Administrator