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Dear AA Colleague:

As a neighbor, I am writing to call your attention to a current matter in DesPlaines and to ask for your help. The DesPlaines City Council is currently considering dropping out of the Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC) and joining the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. This is a change for the good and should be strongly encouraged.

Over the past 15 years DesPlaines paid almost a million in city tax dollars to support SOC. SOC now wants to increase dues by 40% to fight to close or severely hamper O'Hare Airport. SOC is also behind a drive to build a new airport at Peotone which, if built, would severely impact the economy around O'Hare. SOC pursues a policy of constant and costly litigation which produces no benefit for DesPlaines but greatly enriches SOC's attorney.

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is an intergovernmental body made up of 24 area towns and school districts. It will cost nothing for DesPlaines to belong. The Commission has responsibility for distributing funds to soundproof homes and schools around O'Hare. Over the past three years the Commission spent more than \$200 million to soundproof 3000 homes and 80 schools. Another 850 homes will be soundproofed this year. This is not done at any cost to our airline: the monies spent come from the Passenger Facility Charges.

It is in the best interest of airline personnel for DesPlaines to join the Noise Commission and withdraw their support from SOC. The vote on this issue is imminent. It's very important you let the Mayor and your Alderman know how strongly you oppose your tax dollars being used to support an organization that continually threatens our livelihood.

Please sign and send the enclosed, pre-stamped card as soon as possible. Should you wish to make a further comment, the Mayor can be reached at 847-391-5300.

Thank you for your urgent participation.

Sincerely,



Bernard DeSena
Vice President - Chicago

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