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Mr. Michael W. MacMullen
Airports Environmental Program Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
Chicago Airports District Office
2300 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Dear Mr. MacMullen:

We are requesting a 120-day extension of the public comment period for the Environmental Impact Statement for the concept of the O'Hare Modernization Program.

The Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare (ARECO) has a vital interest in assuring that the EIS document fully complies with full disclosure, all environmental laws and regulations and all other aspects that will protect our citizens' health, safety, our environment and other quality of life issues.

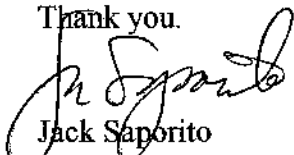
The issue is extremely complex and technical and it is very important that we all respond to it in depth. Many other factors have compromised the time needed, including: that the public EIS scoping meetings were held during a popular time while many people were on vacation, a prime-time for getting children ready for the start of school year and of course, the events of 9/11. Therefore, the time needed, in order to do a sufficient job of reviewing and commenting, is 120 days. However, we must have at least a 90-day extension.

As you know the Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare has long been involved in this very important matter. Locally, as recent studies have pointed out, this issue affects the health of millions of Chicago area residents, as well as the traveling public, air transport employees and our local economy.

With a 120-day extension, we believe that will be able to incorporate all of our concerns.

We await your reply.

Thank you.


Jack Saporito
Executive Director