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THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT FOR INCREASING THE AIR TRAFFIC!

Thanks a lot President Clinton for signing legislation that will add 300 more flights to the skies over LaGuardia and Kennedy Airports! Are you aware of what, we the people, are facing with these additional flights? Do you care?

Not a wise move politically or otherwise, especially in this election year. Mrs. Clinton is seeking support from the people who will be most affected by this increase in air traffic. But don't you worry Mr. President, you'll be far away from these terminals and runways when you are retired to Chappaqua.

Gary Ackerman and Joe Crowley, SHAME ON YOU for voting in favor of this legislation! What were you thinking of? I can understand the difficulties inherent in negotiating compromises when legislation is presented to you for consideration. But damn! How can you possibly consider agreeing to permit 300 additional flights to invade these already overtaxed airports? I don't care how new or small these planes will be, any increase in flights at these airports can not be justified. You should have refused to jeopardize the safety and health of your constituents and say NO to the airlines. A big hug for Nita Lowey, who voted against this legislation.

The increase in flights will add more cars on the road, increasing the already high levels of pollution in downtown Flushing, which is in my 20th Council District. More planes flying over Flushing will increase pollution from the skies. We're being polluted from above and below!!!

THEN THERE'S THE NOISE!!!! It's unbearable at times, planes flying over every other minute from 5:45 AM until midnight. We are fed up with it!

I urge all who are affected by the noise and traffic from having these airports as neighbors, to call your Congressman and "thank" him for allowing more planes to invade our neighborhoods! Tell them what you think. I am sure you will not forget. You will be reminded every two minutes by a plane flying over your house!

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