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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

December 1, 2020

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MassPort Community Advisory Committee  
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New England Regional Administrator  
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Lisa S. Wieland  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Re: Town of Braintree objection to Proposals by the Town of Milton to modify flight paths

Dear Mr. Carlon, Ms. D'Alessandro, Ms. Wieland,

I am writing on behalf of the Braintree Town Council and the Town of Braintree ("Town") to urge this Committee to reject the proposals recently produced by Dr. John Hansman of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) at the behest of the Town of Milton.

As part of the Block 2 Study being performed by Dr. John Hansman of MIT, under contract with MassPort, it is my understanding that the Town of Milton has made proposals to modify flight paths for Logan Airport arrivals onto runway 4R. To our knowledge, these proposals were not fully evaluated by Dr. Hansman for impacts on Braintree or any other neighboring and impacted community. These Milton proposals, if implemented, will have an adverse impact on the residents of Braintree.

As you know, the Town has been and continues to be impacted by arrivals on Runways 4R and 4L. In addition to the impacts of the existing air traffic, the air and noise pollution is increased by the local

MBTA and Commuter Rail stations, as well as daily traffic through the various major roadways in our community. As a result, any proposal to increase air traffic over the Town simply to relieve existing air traffic over another community is not an option. Further, this is contrary to the mission of the Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee ("MCAC") as it seeks to place the interests of one member community over another.

The Town has been a member of the MCAC since its inception, as well as a member of the MCAC's predecessor, the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee since 1996. Through our long-time representative, Sandra Kunz, the Town has advocated for the best interests of our residents while ensuring safe and efficient air travel to Logan Airport. With that in mind, and the concerns raised regarding the most recent MIT proposals, the Braintree Town Council requests Representative Kunz to vote in the negative with respect to said proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon Hume".

Shannon Hume, President  
Braintree Town Council

cc: Senator Elizabeth Warren  
Senator Ed Markey  
Congressman Stephen Lynch  
Senator John Keenan  
Senator Walter Timilty  
Representative Mark Cusack  
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