

# TOWN OF HINGHAM

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RE: Town of Hingham Objection to Proposals by the Town of Milton to Modify Flight Paths

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

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

As part of the Block 2 Study performed by Dr. Hansman, it is our 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 evaluated for impacts on Hingham or any other neighboring and affected communities. The changes proposed by the Town of Milton, if they ever become reality, would have an adverse impact on Hingham, its businesses, and its residents.

As you know, the Town continues to be impacted by arrivals on Runway 33L and 32R. In addition to the impacts of existing air traffic, air and noise pollution in Hingham is driven by two Commuter Rail stations, Route 3, and daily traffic through our community's roadways. Any proposal to increase air traffic over the Town in order to relieve existing air traffic over Milton is not an option for Hingham. Additionally, it is not equitable to place the interests of one community over another.

The Town has been a member of the MCAC since its inception. Through our representative, Brendan Concannon, we will continue to advocate for the best interests of our community while ensuring safe air travel to and from Logan Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Mayo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Mayo  
Town Administrator

CC: Senator Elizabeth Warren  
Senator Edward Markey  
Congressman Stephen Lynch  
State Senator Patrick O'Connor  
State Representative Joan Meschino  
Tom Mayo, Hingham Town Administrator  
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