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December 31, 2019

Mayor Joseph Curtatone
City Hall
93 Highland Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143155

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

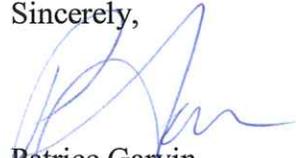
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Sincerely,



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Cc:

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Cambridge City Manager
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Cambridge, MA 02139

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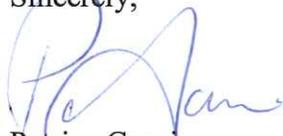
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Joint Statement on Regional Airplane Noise

The cities of Medford, Somerville and Cambridge recognize and understand the pressing need to de-concentrate flight paths for departures on runway 33L at Logan International Airport. Collectively, these three cities are calling upon Massport and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to model and implement a procedure that more equitably disperses aircraft that depart runway 33L.

Since the implementation of the 33L RNAV SID procedure in 2013, many residents of all three cities have been severely impacted by repetitive jet noise, often starting as early as 5AM and continuing late into the night. Normal, everyday life for these residents has been disrupted. We recognize that hyper-concentration of jet noise represents an emergent public health problem for people who live in our cities, especially those that live directly under the flight paths. The cities are therefore in agreement on the need for noise dispersion and are eager to combine voices with other communities affected by jet traffic from runway 33L.

As leaders of our cities, we have the responsibility to ensure that the FAA changes the 33L departure procedure from one that unfairly and disproportionately exposes some citizens to one that geographically disperses noise in a fairer, more equitable way.

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