

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2012

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Secretary LaHood and Administrator Huerta,

As the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) moves forward with planned facility consolidation and realignment efforts, we respectfully request that the proposed integrated control facility to replace the aging New York ARTCC (Westbury) and New York TRACON (Ronkonkoma) facilities be constructed and remain on Long Island.

It is essential to the safety and security of the commuting public and the region we represent that the FAA modernize its controller infrastructure to fully implement the New York/New Jersey redesigned airspace and maximize the effectiveness of NextGen technologies. We are confident that constructing a modern, state-of-the-art FAA facility on Long Island will save money, create jobs and reinforce New York's critical transportation infrastructure.

Additionally, maintaining the consolidated control facility in proximity to current operations on Long Island will go a long way to protect the current workforce of 850 highly-skilled FAA employees in the busiest U.S. airspace from potential attrition and unnecessary relocation costs. Furthermore, constructing the facility on Long Island will provide a needed boost to the region's economy and the construction industry by creating over 1,000 new jobs.

As Long Island's congressional delegation, we strongly encourage you to construct the proposed integrated control facility on the Long Island. We stand ready to work with you, the state of New York, and local municipalities and their elected officials to identify suitable locations within the area to minimize costs, promote efficiencies and create jobs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. We appreciate your careful attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



Tim Bishop
Member of Congress



Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator



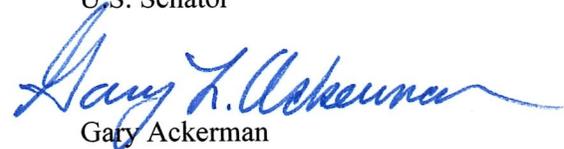
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