

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David Price
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:


As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill, we request that you take action to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) works to adequately address helicopter noise and safety concerns in the New York Metropolitan Region.

Residents of the New York Metropolitan Region have been plagued for decades by frequent and disruptive helicopter noise, and despite persistent efforts to work on a collaborative basis with the Federal Aviation Administration and stakeholders to reduce the impact of helicopter noise, little has changed.


New York City has one of the highest rates of helicopter use in the world. Furthermore, New York City is one of the most densely populated cities in the United States, exponentially increasing the potential dangers of a helicopter accident in our city. The number of helicopter flights over New York City creates intolerable risks to the community and negative impacts on the quality of life of all its residents. There is no justification for allowing tourists to joy-ride through our skies, endangering people below and adding to the heavy burden of noise pollution residents already endure. Commuter helicopter flights impose risks to the community that far outweigh any benefits to the very small number of people who use them.

We therefore urge you to ensure the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) works to adequately address this important safety issue.


Sincerely,



Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress



Carolyn B. Maloney
Member of Congress



Hakeem S. Jeffries
Member of Congress