



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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Federal Aviation Administration  
Docket Operations M-30  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20591-0001

Re: Comments - NPRM Docket FAA-2010-0302

Dear Docket:

Enclosed please find comments on behalf of the Town of East Hampton on the FAA's proposed rule establishing a mandatory North Short Helicopter Route. Our comments, prepared by the Town with the assistance of counsel, stress that the FAA's proposed rule should be viewed as a first step in a comprehensive effort to address helicopter over flights in eastern Long Island.

The Town is aware the FAA may receive comments from the East End Helicopter Noise Stakeholders Group (multi-town) as well. The Group is comprised of representatives of the five east-end communities on Long Island. While the Town participated in discussions with this Group, and agreed to the Group's comments, the Town of East Hampton is in a unique situation as a great proportion of helicopter traffic arrives into and departs from our airport. For that reason, we believe it to be of paramount importance to comment on the NPRM as an individual municipality.

In order to continue the effort that has just been started by this NPRM, the Town urges the FAA to convene a formal stakeholder group to participate in a study of alternative helicopter routes in eastern Long Island – not only the proposed North Shore route but also a route along the South Shore of Long Island and transition routes between those off-shore routes and destinations inland

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in eastern Long Island. We look forward to having a seat at the table as FAA continues to explore solutions that optimize helicopter routes that achieve the objective of reducing noise impacts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Wilkinson', enclosed within a large, loopy circular scribble.

William J. Wilkinson

cc:

Senator Charles Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Congressman Tim Bishop

Enclosure