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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Great Lakes Region  
2300 East Devon Avenue  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

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Alderman Thomas Tunney  
3223 N. Sheffield Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60657

Dear Mr. Tunney:

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2017, regarding helicopter operations in the vicinity of Wrigley Field in the Lakeview area.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Standards division, in part, is responsible for providing safety oversight of air operators. They cannot prevent or reduce helicopter operations when operated in a safe manner.

In response to your constituents' concerns, we have contacted helicopter operators regarding operations in the vicinity of Wrigley Field. We advised them to vary their altitudes and flight paths in order to operate in a more neighborly fashion. Additionally, sightseeing operators and banner tow operators will be advised to take into consideration the noise impact of their operations over the neighborhood.

For security purposes, a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), number 7/4319, is a flight prohibition that defines an area restricting air travel on game days. It is in effect one hour before the scheduled start of a game, until one hour after the game ends. This prohibition extends 3 nautical miles from the center of the field, and up to 2,500 feet above ground level. Only aircraft with an FAA authorization or waiver are allowed to operate within the restricted area.

Citizens with safety concerns are encouraged to report their observation with identifying information, such as time of day, location and aircraft registration or "N" number from the side of the aircraft (if ascertainable) to the DuPage Flight Standards District Office at 847-294-8700 or via email at [7-AGL-DPA-FSDO@faa.gov](mailto:7-AGL-DPA-FSDO@faa.gov).

For noise concerns, please feel free to contact the FAA's Aviation Noise Ombudsman, a public liaison for issues regarding aircraft noise at [9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov](mailto:9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov) or via telephone at 202-267-3521 (voicemail only).

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the staff from your office, Representative Mike Quigley and the City of Chicago on October 6, 2017, to address your constituent's concerns. I hope the information provided at the meeting and within this letter is helpful. If you or your staff require further assistance, please contact me at (847) 294-7294.

Sincerely,



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Acting Regional Administrator  
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Enclosure

cc: Congressman Mike Quigley  
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