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**ESHOO, SPEIER, PANETTA RELEASE UPDATED FAA RESPONSES
ON AIRCRAFT NOISE CONCERNS IN THREE
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS (14, 18 AND 20)**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Reps. Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18), Jackie Speier (CA-14), and Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) released the updated final version of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) response to recommendations made by the San Francisco Airport/Community Roundtable and the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals. The updated FAA's response (**attached to this email**) includes Appendices that explain the FAA's decision-making process and updates on recommendations that were previously under technical evaluation by the agency, as well as implementation timelines for those recommendations deemed feasible.

"Today we release the FAA's report and responses to our region's recommendations to address the impacts of the NextGen program, and we share the frustration of our constituents with regard to how long this evaluation has taken to produce. As we have previously stated, we are grateful to the Select Committee, the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable and community leaders for their hard work, and for the countless hours of public hearings, technical briefings and document review that have taken place. This was a public, thorough and deliberative process. We thank FAA Administrator Michael P. Huerta, Western Pacific Regional Administrator Dennis Roberts and the staff at Air Traffic Operations and Mission Support for their ongoing diligent work to address the complex issues that challenge our region. We are reassured by the FAA's statement in the Executive Summary on Page 2 which states, "This report does not represent the end of our work. The FAA continues to commit to work collaboratively with communities and local Members of Congress to address a wide range of noise concerns." As representatives of the various affected communities throughout the region, we will continue to work together to ensure that the timelines outlined in the report are maintained by the FAA."

While the Select Committee concluded its work at the end of last year, the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable will continue its work for aircraft noise mitigation on behalf of the residents of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Rep. Speier applauded the FAA's decision to implement a nighttime departure path for most southbound flights that will fly over the Bay and Pacific Ocean instead of over people's

homes while they sleep. She expressed disappointment that some very promising recommendations were not deemed feasible by the FAA in this report. She urges the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable to review these “non-feasible” recommendations to determine if they can be refined to become acceptable. Rep. Eshoo and Rep. Panetta, representing parts of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties have followed up on the Select Committee’s recommendation for a permanent venue in the South Bay to address aircraft noise concerns for the currently unrepresented cities in their Congressional Districts. A copy of the Members’ letter co-authored with Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17) can be viewed [here](#).