



Honorable President-Elect Barack Obama  
c/o Presidential Transition Team  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1305 USA

**Re: Withdrawal Of The FAA's "NY/NJ/PHL Airspace Redesign"/49 USC §40103(b)(2)**

Dear President-Elect Obama:

Please accept Quiet Rockland's best wishes to you, your colleagues and your respective families for a very Happy New Year.

Further to our November 30, 2008 letter, today's web-post on *Tampa Bay Online* gave us the happy news that you will:

“...direct the [A]dministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to restore morale and improve working conditions and operations”, and “appoint an FAA [A]dministrator who ‘will not play politics’ with the safety of American travelers”.

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/jan/04/na-obama-outlines-administration-goals/>

We're grateful for this. We ask that you please add one additional goal, of 6 words in length, to your worthy mission-statement.

As you are aware, 49 United States Code §40103(b)(2) reads in relevant part:

“The Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] shall prescribe air traffic regulations on the flight of aircraft (including regulations on safe altitudes) for -- ...**(B) protecting individuals and property on the ground**” [Emphasis added].

[http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode49/usc\\_sec\\_49\\_00040103----000-.html](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode49/usc_sec_49_00040103----000-.html)

President-Elect Obama, **WE'RE** the “individuals... on the ground” – in densely-settled and oft minority-populated areas of Rockland County, New York and elsewhere in the Northeast. When FAA, Marion Blakey, and Bobby Sturgell proceeded with the cram-down of the FAA's Airspace Redesign over the past few years, they acted in purposeful disregard of – *inter alia* – the requirements of environmental justice, and the federal legal obligation to protect Rockland County citizens on the ground and protect our property. FAA, Blakey, Sturgell, and their enablers, violated 49 U.S.C. §40103(b)(2).

To turn back this Blakey/Sturgell riptide of illegality, we ask that you please consider directing your Transition Team to therefore revise your web-posted remarks as follows, with 6 words of added as text bold-underlined below:



“...direct the [A]dministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to restore morale and improve working conditions and operations, and appoint an FAA [A]dministrator who will not play politics with the safety of American travelers **or those Americans overflown by them**”.

Quiet Rockland would appreciate your assurance that you will protect us on the ground, too - and that you, your USDOT Secretary, and your FAA Administrator will act forthwith to terminate the NY/NJ/PHL Airspace Redesign.

Respectfully yours,

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***Quiet Rockland - No New Flights Over Rockland County, NY***