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May 1, 2007

Mr. James C. May, President and Chief Executive Officer
Air Transport Association of America, Inc.
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. May:

I am writing this letter to request the Air Transport Association (ATA) resume active participation in the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable). For the first few years of the Roundtable a representative of ATA played an active role in the body representing the airlines. This active role ceased when ATA closed its west coast office.

The Roundtable was created as follow-up to the FAA's Southern California Task Force efforts in the late 1990s. The Roundtable is composed of several participating government entities, elected officials, community groups, the FAA, and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). The Roundtable provides a non-adversarial forum to deliberate aviation noise issues that impact communities around LAX. Since its inception the Roundtable has identified several noise issues that adversely affect its member communities, and has been actively involved in the mitigation of those impacts by working cooperatively with LAWA and FAA Air Traffic Control, and in the past, the airlines. The Roundtable has created a Work Program, and agenda items are directed by that Work Program.

The membership of the Roundtable believe that we benefited greatly from the past presence and participation of ATA's west coast representative at our meetings. We understand that the closure of your Los Angeles office was a necessary action at that time and that may continue to be the case. While it may not be possible to have an ATA representative at every one of our six bi-monthly meetings, it would be very helpful for us to have a contact person within your organization. That person would receive our agenda mailings and, hopefully, would be available to attend Roundtable meetings when an item of particular interest to the airlines is on the agenda. We believe that input from the ATA would be helpful in our understanding of the industry's opinions, suggestions and experiences when that occurs.

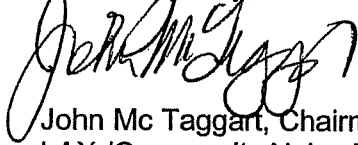
The members of the Roundtable believe that emerging technology offers some unique opportunities for the mitigation of aircraft noise today and in the future. The opportunity to apply yet another round of improved technology in the reduction of noise impacts in local communities is seen by the Roundtable members as an essential element in the ability to provide airport capacity for the projected growth in aviation activity. The Roundtable would like to partner with the airline industry in this effort, and believe the ATA is the vehicle for this partnership.

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The Roundtable meets on the second Wednesday of the odd-numbered months at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Board Room, Clifton Moore Administration Bldg. at LAX. There is active participation by the Roundtable members and the attending public, and participation by a representative of the airline industry would be beneficial to both the Roundtable and the airlines themselves.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please address your reply to me c/o LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn. Robert Holden. We look forward to a positive response to our request.

Yours very truly,



John Mc Taggart, Chairman
LAX /Community Noise Roundtable

cc: Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
Honorable Senator Barbara Boxer
Honorable Maxine Waters
Honorable Jane Harman
Honorable Dianne Watson
Roundtable Members
Mr. Mark Church, Chairman, San Francisco International Airport/Community
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June 1, 2007

John McTaggart
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Re: Invitation to Join Roundtable

Dear Mr. McTaggart:

Thank you for your letter inviting the Air Transport Association (ATA) to participate in the LAX Community Noise Roundtable. As a Washington, D.C. based national trade association, resource limitations do not permit us to participate as fully as we would like in community-based noise groups. We are, however, very interested in the activities of the Roundtable and I trust that individual airlines operating at LAX will participate as appropriate.

While we are not in a position to take on active membership, I did want to provide you with an ATA contact point for matters that have broad industry implications. Please add Katherine Andrus, ATA Assistant General Counsel, to your mailing list. Our mailing address is below and Katherine's e-mail address is kandrus@airlines.org; telephone 202-626-4091.

Again, thank you for inviting ATA to participate in the Roundtable. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Maxine Waters
The Honorable Jane Harman
The Honorable Diane Watson

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