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The Honorable Bryan Bedford  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Bedford:

I write to bring two attached letters from Colorado constituents to your attention. The City of Lafayette (Lafayette) sent one of these letters in September 2025 to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), requesting information regarding a newly established small aircraft flight route for flight schools at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC), and highlighting broader concerns from surrounding communities regarding aircraft noise and safety. The second letter, from Colorado State Senator Judy Amabile, summarizes a number of additional concerns from the community.

Lafayette is concerned the FAA may have implemented route changes for flight operations at BJC earlier this year without conducting required environmental reviews or sufficient community engagement. City leaders argue this change has resulted in “a significant increase in noise impacts and reports of noise disturbance” due to aircraft flying more frequently at lower altitudes than what FAA guidance typically recommends.

I have heard directly from local elected officials, including Senator Amabile, and residents of Lafayette and nearby communities who are concerned about the increase in noise pollution and safety issues, due in part to the flight pattern changes. One resident reported experiencing more than 1,200 weekly flights above their home at an average altitude of 700 feet above ground. Lafayette and the surrounding communities have been working for years to address the concerns raised in these letters. Recent reports revealed that BJC leads the nation in potentially significant events (PSEs), including both runway incursions and airborne safety incidents.

I look forward to the FAA’s prompt reply to Lafayette’s request for information, and I urge the FAA to explore additional noise and safety measures at BJC, including a reconsideration of flight route changes, more safety oversight, and funding for noise mitigation in surrounding communities. I stand ready to collaborate with you and Colorado communities to find meaningful solutions to congestion, noise concerns, and safety issues at BJC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

