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His Excellency, Bruce Alan Heyman
Ambassador of the United States
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Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to share the concerns of many constituents in Saanich-Gulf Islands regarding the proposed increase of aircraft based out of the Whidbey Island U.S. Naval Air Station. The Whidbey Island base is immediately adjacent to Saanich, British Columbia.

My constituents have raised concerns about considerable noise from the jets, which can be disruptive. They would like the residential impacts on nearby Canadian communities to be taken into account in evaluating the proposal. Could the flights be re-routed to avoid residential areas?

In addition, many are concerned that noise from the jets, as well as the sonar activity that would result from a proposed increase of acoustic surveillance devices in the region, may have adverse environmental impacts on marine life, including the endangered South Resident Orca whale population and Leatherback turtles.

My constituents would like their concerns to be considered by the U.S. Navy in evaluating these proposals. I would be grateful if you could intervene to ensure that the impacts of these proposals on nearby Canadian communities are taken into account.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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*It would be very
grateful for these
concerns to be
taken into consideration*



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