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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE LIVE ON AIRPORT ROAD ABOUT A MILE FROM THE AURORA STATE AIRPORT. THE NOISE LEVEL FROM THE LARGER JETS THAT HAVE WAIVERS TO LAND IS REALLY UNREASONABLE, AND NOW THE PRESENT LEGISLATIVE PLAN IS TO ALLOW A AIRPORT EXTENSION. WE LIVE RIGHT IN THE FLIGHT PATH OF THE LANDING AIRCRAFT. THOSE LARGER JETS LAND AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT, AND BASICALLY RATTLE THE WINDOWS OF OUR HOME. I KNOW FOR A FACT SOME OF AIRCRAFT HAVE FLOWN OVER OUR HOMES AT A ILLEGAL ALTITUDE, AND THIS IS A REAL SAFETY CONCERN. IT WOULD EVEN BE MORE OF A CONCERN WITH INCREASE AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC.. WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOME WE DID OUR HOME WORK ABOUT THE LOCAL AIRPORT TO SEE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES WERE FOR GROWTH. AFTER REVIEWING THE PURPOSED MASTER PLAN OF 2009 IT APPEARED THAT IT WAS " INFEASIBLE TO ATTEMPT SUCH AN EXPANSION." WELL SINCE THEN IT HAS COME UP A FEW TIMES, AND THIS LATEST ATTEMPT HAS SEEMED TO BE UNDER THE TABLE AND OUT OF SITE OF THOSE OF US THAT ARE EFFECTED THE MOST. WE ALL EXPECT CHANGE AND GROWTH, BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS UNDER THE TABLE BY GREASING SOMEONE'S PALM FOR PERSONAL GAIN, THAT IS NOT RIGHT.

WE ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THIS AIRPORT ARE OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION FOR A NUMBER OF REASON THAT HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN CONSIDERED. NO STUDY OF AIR, GROUND OR NOISE POLLUTION. MOST OF US HAVE PERSONAL WELLS, AND WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THAT WILL EFFECT OUR DRINKING WATER OR THE EFFECTS ON THE CROPS ON SURROUNDING FARMS. THEN, THERE IS THE DECREASE IN OUR HOME VALUES.

I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF THOSE MAKING THESE DECISIONS ON OUR BEHAVE WOULD BE SO EAGER TO ALLOW THIS GRANT APPLICATION TO GO THROUGH IF THIS WAS IN THEY'RE BACKYARDS. I ALSO DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE TRYING TO RUSH THIS THROUGH. THE ONLY AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD BENEFIT ANY OF THIS COMMUNITY IS THE LIFE FLIGHT HELECOPTERS AND THOSE AT COLUMBIA HELECOPTER. THE SAFETY OF THIS COMMUNITY IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED IN THIS DECISION.

LASTLY, THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FOR NEW EMPLOYEES NEEDED FOR AN EXPANDED AIRPORT, AND BURDEN ON AN ALREADY OVER BURDENED ROAD SYSTEM. THIS WOULD END UP INCREASING TAXES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE RESIDENTS.. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS APPLICATION TO GO THROUGH.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME.

MARY AND JON GIONTA