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Honorable Peter Van Scoyoc
Supervisor, Town of East Hampton
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Dear Supervisor Van Scoyoc:

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Southampton, we write to voice our deep disappointment in discovering that the “November” route will once again be in operation at the East Hampton Airport this season.

The decision to favor the November route will divert helicopter traffic squarely over the South Fork, negatively impacting our most populated hamlet of Hampton Bays, and also concentrate noise pollution in Water Mill, North Sea, Noyac, Bridgehampton, and other areas.

Last year, the closing of the November route was a workable compromise for residents of both Towns. To have this route once again operational in 2023 is contrary to the spirit of cooperation and respect for all the residents of the region. The physical boundaries that separate us should not blind you to the very real, regional implications of what re-opening the November route entails. As you continue to monitor airport operations, we ask you to consider the suffering of these Southampton residents by minimizing the use of the November route.

We urge you to take whatever action you can as East Hampton Town Supervisor to ban or limit the November route, and to require helicopters to fly routes that are mainly over water or less populated areas, such as the Echo and Sierra routes. This would reduce the noise on our communities, and greatly improve the quality of life for thousands of East End families, regardless of on which side of Town Line Road they reside.

Sincerely,



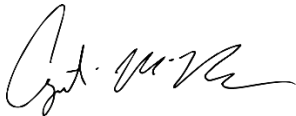
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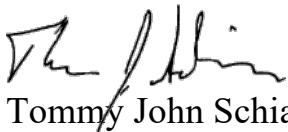
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