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Mr. Ed Zuercher
City Manager, City of Phoenix
200 West Washington Street, 12th Floor
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Dear Mr. Zuercher:

The FAA has a continuing interest in moving forward with short-term options that could address concerns related to the September 2014 RNAV departure procedures. These are the options that were identified during discussions last month involving FAA, City and airline representatives, and outlined in my letter of June 1. The litigation that the city recently initiated does not preclude the FAA from making adjustments to provide some noise relief to the community.

To recap, the short-term options include:

- Restricting early turns for northbound departures except when required for safety reasons;
- Adjusting westbound departures to the north and south, which the FAA outlined in its post-implementation report dated March 2015;
- Supporting the City's request to proceed with voluntary nighttime noise abatement procedures; and
- Exploring the City's proposal for noise abatement overlays above historic districts or other areas.

We believe we could implement the first two options as early as October 2015. However, that could change depending on the environmental review that we conduct.

I am available at your convenience, to discuss any or all of the four options.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen A. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a stylized "A".

Glen A. Martin
Regional Administrator
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