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Statewide Officials Join Connecticut Airspace Alliance

New Canaan, CT – Members of the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning were joined by Governor Jodi Rell and Attorney General Richard Blumenthal in opposing the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) flight plan redesign proposal during a press conference this morning. Comments regarding the opposition were voiced by Governor Jodi Rell, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and New Canaan First Selectman Judy Neville.

Governor M. Jodi Rell and Attorney General Richard Blumenthal announced a state lawsuit that was filed today against the FAA. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which intends to block a new FAA flight path plan that would allow an increased number of large aircrafts, at lower altitudes, to fly over a large region of southeastern Connecticut causing considerable damage to the region’s environment.

Governor Rell specifically cited the increased air traffic over western Connecticut—as many as 150 additional planes per day—and enlarged holding patterns over many Fairfield County towns as “unacceptable.”

Additionally, on behalf of The Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning, New Canaan First Selectman, Judy Neville announced the filing of a petition to oppose the FAA Airspace Redesign proposal.

The Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning was formed to bring together existing statewide constituent opposition of FAA’s redesign proposal. Members of the Alliance in attendance this morning included the chief elected officials of the towns of New Canaan, Greenwich, Wilton, Weston, Westport, Redding, Ridgefield, Darien, Pound Ridge, N.Y. and the cities of Norwalk and Stamford.

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