

I understand you are participating in a proposed Noise Compatibility Program at Centennial Airport. I wanted to voice my support for the new restrictions that are being considered.

The neighborhoods several miles north of the airport (i.e. off of Orchard Road) have become densely populated, primarily with young families with many children. The average family in our neighborhood (The Hills East) has 2+ children, mostly under the age of 10. The increasing frequency and size of the jets utilizing Centennial Airport is troublesome. Some of the jets (Stage 1) are downright terrifying. They are flying only a few hundred feet above our homes. Many times we can see the landing gear and sometimes even the pilots in the cockpit. These jets literally cause windows to rattle, wake kids from naps, and drown out any conversation, television, etc. for a good 30 seconds.

Also, the path of even the lesser jets (Stage 2) directly over these dense suburban neighborhoods during the night is extremely bothersome. Entire neighborhoods surrounding Cherry Creek Reservoir are unable to sleep with their windows open during the summer, because the noise from the Centennial jets wakes the entire house all night long. It would be fantastic if flights could be limited to business hours.

We also strongly believe that strong consideration should be given to new flight paths that do not travel over densely populated neighborhoods. There is miles of open space nearby (the entire Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park). Therefore, it seems improper that flight after flight passes directly over hundreds of homes filled with families and small children. It would be a very good idea to re-direct flights over the open space, or the reservoir, or from the unpopulated areas east and west of the airport, rather than directly over the neighborhoods surrounding Cherry Creek Reservoir.

We frequently express our great realization: it is only a matter of time before a jet hits turbulence and drops or miscalculates by a few hundred feet, and comes crashing into the neighborhood, wiping out dozens of houses and killing hundreds of people. News like this is not uncommon at other municipal airports. It is terrifying to think it will probably happen at Centennial. The new program you are considering might be a good step toward minimizing the risk of such a catastrophe.

We all understand and appreciate that Centennial is a busy airport. But we would greatly appreciate your assistance in passing new regulations to greatly reduce the airport's impact on the suburban neighborhoods surrounding Cherry Creek Reservoir.

Please feel free to call if you wish to discuss or need additional feedback. We all greatly appreciate your efforts.

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