

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0922

September 9, 2026

The Honorable Bryan Bedford
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

Re: Docket No. FAA-2026-10827-0001 — Establishment of Special Air Traffic Rules in the Vicinity of President Donald J. Trump International Airport

Dear Administrator Bedford:

I write to request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) hold off on making the current flight restrictions around Mar-a-Lago permanent while their impacts and alternatives are more fully evaluated. The current restrictions were implemented on October 20, 2025, on a temporary, one-year basis and are scheduled to expire on October 20, 2026. If the FAA proceeds with its proposal to make them permanent, I request that it extend the current October 2, 2026, deadline for public comments by 60 days, through December 1, 2026; hold a public meeting in Palm Beach County; and ensure that any final rule includes an expedited process to modify, reduce, suspend, or terminate the restrictions if circumstances change.

For nearly a year, communities beneath flight paths used by aircraft taking off from and landing at President Donald J. Trump International Airport have experienced significant changes in aircraft traffic. The previous flight paths affected approximately 2,200 homes and 5,000 residents. The new routes affect more than 11,000 homes and 21,000 residents, at least five schools, and numerous businesses, with aircraft passing over some neighborhoods as frequently as every 90 seconds. Residents have reported increased noise, air pollution, and significant impacts on their quality of life.

Before making these restrictions permanent, the FAA should hear from residents, local governments, airport officials, and other affected stakeholders. The FAA's October 2 deadline for public comments on the proposed permanent restrictions does not provide enough time to notify affected stakeholders, especially seasonal residents who remain away from Palm Beach County and give them a meaningful opportunity to participate.

Finally, circumstances change. The President will not always be in office. Threats can change or disappear. Security technology can improve, and the Secret Service may determine that today's

size, height, or configuration is no longer necessary. Any permanent rule should therefore include an expedited mechanism to modify, reduce, suspend, or terminate the restrictions when circumstances warrant, rather than requiring Palm Beach County to wait through another lengthy rulemaking process.

Protecting the President and protecting the quality of life of the surrounding community are not mutually exclusive. The FAA can and should do both.

Thank you for your prompt consideration. I would appreciate a timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lois Frankel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lois Frankel
Member of Congress