

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

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Mr. Sean M. Curran
Director
U.S. Secret Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director Curran,

I am writing to follow up on my request for a classified briefing regarding the around-the-clock flight restrictions surrounding Mar-a-Lago.

In the 1980s and 90s, following extensive environmental review, flight paths for aircraft arriving at and departing from Palm Beach International Airport were established. In October 2025, at the request of the U.S. Secret Service, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) instituted new flight paths over residential neighborhoods north of Mar-a-Lago. These changes affect thousands of residents and visitors, with aircraft passing overhead as frequently as every ninety seconds from early morning until late at night.

The resulting noise and soot have significantly degraded quality of life and property values for those living under the new flight paths, and there is growing concern about flight delays. Limited FAA adjustments have not resolved these harms, and no public explanation has been provided for why these restrictions must remain continuous.

Accordingly, I request a follow-up meeting with representatives of the U.S. Secret Service to address, including but not limited to, the following questions:

- Are the security risks that prompted the new flight restrictions still present, and what is the basis for those risks?
- What specifically is being protected when President Trump is not at Mar-a-Lago?
- What legal authority is the Secret Service relying upon to request year-round, around-the-clock flight restrictions?
- How frequently are these security determinations reviewed, and under what conditions could the flight restrictions be modified or lifted?
- What alternative security measures have been evaluated to reduce the impacts of the flight restrictions on the surrounding community?
- What additional mitigation measures are being pursued in coordination with the FAA?
- How does the Secret Service plan to communicate with affected residents, schools, and businesses?

I also renew my request for Secret Service participation in a community meeting with impacted residents and local stakeholders to explain the rationale for these new restrictions and to address their concerns directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your 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