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**Federal Aviation
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Office of the Administrator

800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

July 31, 2019

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sinema:

Thank you for your April 29 letter concerning Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) engagement with all stakeholders including community members and their elected officials affected by eastbound departure routes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

We have been engaging with residents, aviation stakeholders, and elected leaders, both local and national, to share concepts, update on our progress, and solicit input. As mentioned in your letter, we recently held three "Step Two" workshops, and encouraged both the community and elected leaders to attend, ask questions, and provide feedback, including comment on eastbound departures. The comment period associated with those workshops ended on May 23, 2019. We are now thoroughly reviewing and compiling all comments received. Periodic updates will be posted on the FAA Community Involvement webpage, https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen_near_you/community_involvement/phx/. This webpage is where communities can get the latest information.

I appreciate that you have taken the time to share your concern. The FAA welcomes ongoing dialogue with our stakeholders as we continuously work to improve the safety and efficiency of our National Airspace System.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me or Philip Newman, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, at (202) 267-3277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DK Elwell".

Daniel K. Elwell
Acting Administrator