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October 2, 2007

The Honorable Richard F. Colburn
5210 Heron Road
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Re: Easton Airport

Dear Senator Colburn:

This will respond to your letter of August 29, 2007.

The current configuration of Runway 4-22 at Easton Airport does not meet the Runway Safety design criteria, as outlined in FAA Advisory Circular, AC 150/5300-13. A map showing the current location of Runway 4-22 is enclosed for reference.

The approach end of our existing Runway 22 (attached) is too close to the business located at the intersection of Route 50 and Black Dog Alley. In order to bring the runway into compliance, the threshold will have to be displaced 1,000 feet to the southwest. This will result in our primary runway being shortened to 4,500 feet. Once this occurs, our runway will meet the safety criteria; however, in order to keep the airport in its current state, and to conform with the Easton Airport Master Plan, we will need to replace the 1,000 feet of runway lost to the shortening of Runway 4-22. There are several options (attached) that are being considered and will be examined during our current Environmental Assessment.

It is our hope that we can achieve both the safety improvements as requested by the FAA and the future economic viability of our fine airport.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dirck K. Bartlett", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Dirck K. Bartlett

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Enclosures