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Subject: Docket Number FAA-2004-17041 Noise Stringency Increase
for Single-Engine Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes

To Whom It May Concern:

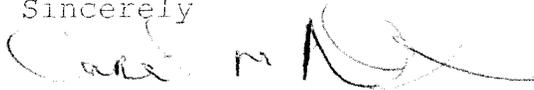
I fully support the approval of this regulation. Aircraft noise has been an issue for many years, it can disturb the normal activities of airport neighbors their conversation, sleep, and relaxation and degrades their quality of life. Depending on the use of land bordering an airport, noise may also affect education, health services, and other public activities.

The 1973 Annual Housing survey indicated that 20 percent experienced noise from airplane activity in the vicinity of their home, 34 percent considered the noise to be disturbing, harmful or dangerous.

One could argue that many small airports were at the location long before residential development occurred, and that the residents knew what they were getting into, so they should deal with the consequences. The truth of the matter is, with the rapid growth of the population every square foot of land is in demand.

Approval of this regulation is one more step toward peaceful coexistence between general aviation and the local residents.

Sincerely



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