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Statement of Congressman Henry A. Waxman

Santa Monica Community Demonstration

I want to thank the Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, Friends of Sunset Park and North Westdale Neighborhood Association for meeting today to address the critical air quality and safety concerns you have as nearby residents of the Santa Monica Airport (SMO).

Throughout my congressional career, I have worked hard to address environmental issues including air quality, water quality and right-to-know legislation. For the last several years, I have been working closely with the City of Santa Monica, my constituents surrounding the Santa Monica Airport (SMO), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address safety, noise and pollution at the airport.

As you know, SMO was selected to receive a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to study air quality at the airport. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), which is administering the grant, is completing a second round of data collection and monitoring at SMO and expects to finish its data analysis by the fall of this year. In conjunction with the monitoring at SMO, the City has been recording the idle times of departing jet aircraft. The idle time data from the first round has already been forwarded to the AQMD for evaluation and the data from the second round will be forwarded once it has been completed.

I am eager to see the AQMD's final report so that I can continue to explore all avenues to reduce emissions at SMO. I am also continuing to pursue solutions to the critical safety issues you face as nearby residents of SMO. I want to thank you for your dedicated work on these issues and I look forward to working closely with you again during the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.