



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, 02133-1053

February 14, 2023

Rebecca Tepper, Secretary  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)  
ATTN: Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office (MEPA)  
100 Cambridge St. Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

RE: EEA 16654, L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development

Dear Secretary Tepper and Mr. Strysky,

I write today in support of comments offered by the Town of Bedford relative to the proposed Development of the North Airfield at L.G. Hanscom Field, EEA 16654. Please find the Town's comments enclosed. I reiterate the concerns relayed by the Select Board, Town Manager, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and several other town departments. As the town notes, this project will have a significant impact on my constituents in Bedford, as well as in Lexington, and it will have significant impacts on Bedford's infrastructure. The proponent should consider efforts to alleviate impacts on residents and the town of utmost importance.

I draw specific attention to the proposition advanced by the proponent that the number of overall flights coming to and from Hanscom Field may not increase, or any such increase may be minimal, because a decrease in the number of round-trip "ferry flights" will result in half as many take off/landings per trip for these flights. However, for months I have been asking MassPort and the proponent to provide data that would support this assumption. This data has not been provided. While it is possible that the availability of these hangers may reduce the number of flights per day by the number of aircraft that can fit in the new hangers at any one time, it is also possible that operators will both utilize the added hanger space at night, and still conduct whatever flights they deem necessary during the day, including "ferry flights". This would result in an overall increase in aircraft operations associated with the airport. Without a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of this data, we cannot be confident about the project's impact on the neighboring communities.

Importantly, I wish to reiterate the Town's comments regarding proactive communication with Bedford residents, and the opportunity for them to be heard. Proactive outreach and an ongoing dialogue with residents and Town leaders regarding the construction and aircraft activity will prove important for both the proponents and the town.

Thank you for reviewing these comments. On behalf of the Town of Bedford and my constituents, I urge MEPA to consider these concerns during the project's review

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth I. Gordon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth I. Gordon  
State Representative  
21<sup>st</sup> Middlesex District