

Dear Senator:

We are writing today to express our strong opposition to any amendment to H.R. 4660, Commerce-Justice-Science and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2015, which would impose a night time curfew on all aircraft operations at the Burbank Bob Hope Airport. Such restrictions would have a devastating impact on local businesses and negatively impact our aviation system.

Amendments like this circumvent the requirements of the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA) and sets a dangerous precedent. As you know, ANCA was enacted by Congress in 1990 in response to a growing number of noise-based operating restrictions imposed on aircraft by localities. In developing ANCA, Congress carefully structured a compromise that balanced air carrier, general aviation, airport, and community interests. ANCA was adopted to prevent the type of noise restriction contained in this amendment. The amendment sets a dangerous precedent, and would do little, if anything, to improve the noise environment around Burbank, and would undoubtedly lead to the creation of a patchwork of confusing and complex operating restrictions across the country that would undermine our national aviation and airport system.

The aviation industry is committed to working with communities through local programs. However, the proposed amendment represents an attempt to circumvent ANCA and would damage our nation's successful long-standing policy. We urge you to oppose any amendment which would restrict aircraft operations at Burbank Bob Hope Airport.

Sincerely,

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airlines for America
Air Line Pilots Association
Cargo Airline Association
General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Helicopter Association International
National Air Transportation Association
National Business Aviation Association