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Andrew Kimball
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New York City Economic Development Corporation
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Dear President Kimball:

I am writing to you in regards to the Skyport Marina, located in my district on the East River.

Recently, my office has received a number of complaints from constituents in the Waterside Plaza, Stuyvesant Town, and Peter Cooper Village neighborhoods in my district. Residents in these neighborhoods have reported noise issues and safety concerns stemming from the seaplanes.

With regards to noise, residents have complained about the noise related to planes idling while they await takeoff. Constituents report that the planes circle around on the water with their engines on which creates a lot of noise. With many folks still working from home, this concern has only become more important.

On the topic of safety, there have been reports from residents at Waterside Plaza, which is directly adjacent to the Skyport Marina, of sea planes coming dangerously close to buildings. For constituents with a viewpoint of the East River, there have been reports of watching planes fly closer than expected to their windows and buildings. For obvious reasons, it would present a major safety issue if this is happening.

Given the recent announcement of Tailwind Air's new deal to fly seaplanes from Washington D.C. to NYC using Skyport Marina, there are concerns the increased traffic will only exacerbate the issues my office is already hearing about. I ask that the New York City Economic Development Corporation work with my office on addressing these complaints, and put a plan in place to foster an environment that works for all.

Sincerely,

Majority Leader Keith Powers New York City Council, District 4

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