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Edward Knoesel  
Manager, Environmental Services  
Aviation Department  
The Port Authority of NY & NJ

Dear Mr. Knoesel:

As elected officials of the New York State Legislature, of Long Island and of Nassau County communities, we write to you today about the Port Authority's announcement of the NY Airports Community Roundtable committees for John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport and LaGuardia Airport (LGA). We are concerned, particularly, with the disproportionate number of delegates that will ultimately be selected to represent Nassau County families and communities.

At the last meeting in November, it was desired that there would be one combined roundtable committee for both airports (representing their own concerns), with this combined body being the determining authority on any final decision. Based on your recent announcement, we understand that, instead, an Executive Committee will be selected, which we believe would drastically misrepresent the concerns of Nassau County.

With all of the work our colleagues in the State Legislature and local governments have done toward resolving this issue, and with a population over 1.3 million people, Nassau County will only receive four (or six percent) of the 64 voting members. This hardly seems equitable.

We want to communicate our disappointment and opposition to the Port Authority's decision and respectfully request that you reconsider your proposal so Nassau County may receive greater representation on the committees.

We trust that this matter will not go overlooked. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our request, please do not hesitate to contact Assemblyman Brian Curran's District Office at 516-561-8216, or Senator Dean Skelos' District Office at 516-766-8383.

Sincerely,

Brian Curran  
Member of Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> District

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Senate Majority Leader  
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