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Cuyahoga County Commissioners
1219 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Commissioners:

I read with great concern that you may be taking action to approve the Cuyahoga County Airport Master Plan at your meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, February 12th. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting because I will be involved in state business in the morning. The sudden announcement that you will be taking action this week raises some serious questions. In particular, what is the need to take this action at this time?

As you know, the potential impact of the changes reflected in the master plan on the residents of Willoughby Hills in Lake County will be substantial. Home owners and local officials in Willoughby Hills have previously expressed to you their concerns about Cuyahoga County going forward with the master plan. I have expressed to you my concerns as well. It has been my understanding that Cuyahoga County would NOT take any further action without working with the interested parties who have expressed their concerns. To my knowledge this has not happened. This makes the suddenness of your potential action in this matter both surprising and disturbing.

While I recognize you have the ultimate authority in this matter, I respectfully request that you do NOT take action on Thursday and refrain from taking any approval action until you have met with representatives from Willoughby Hills, the impacted homeowners in that community, and me. Protecting the property rights of homeowners in Willoughby Hills is of paramount importance.

Again, I respectfully request you refrain from taking any formal action this week. A brief delay will not prejudice Cuyahoga County and will demonstrate your good faith in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Grendell
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Ohio Senate

Cc: US Senator Sherrod Brown
US Senator George Voinovich
Congressman Steve LaTourette
Lake County Commissioners
Honorable Robert Weger, Mayor of Willoughby Hills
City Council of Willoughby Hills