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Representative Chris Lee
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 1069, SD1 Relating to Reduction of Noise from Helicopter Operations

SB 1069, SD1 offers a tax credit (in an undetermined amount) for installation of "noise canceling technology," and limits the hours of a helicopter's operations. Given the noise complaints that helicopters generate, this kind of approach might be welcome news, if it makes a meaningful difference.

I will defer to the experts to suggest what the appropriate decibel level should be to qualify for such a credit, and how much the credit should be. But I would ask this Committee to be as stringent as reasonably possible. To qualify for the benefit of a tax credit, the helicopter industry must become a responsible and considerate corporate member of our community, and it is not there yet.

Respectfully Submitted,

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