

**Congressman Lujan - LATN Low Flights**

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Mr. Plummer,

Here is the letter that you are looking for. If you have any other questions please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Over the past few weeks, the Taos community and communities across Northern New Mexico have been expressing their concern over the proposal by Cannon Air Force Base regarding a Low Altitude Training Navigation (LATN) area.

**I want to make myself clear: I am very concerned about the potential impact of this proposal on New Mexicans and our way of life, and I have been very clear with Cannon about that. It is critically important that any review of this proposal consider the concerns of the local community. New Mexicans are my primary concern and their voices must be heard.**

In recent weeks, I have heard from hundreds of my constituents who are also greatly concerned about the proposal's potential impact. For this reason, I have sent two letters to the Cannon Air Force base. The first request asked for increased public outreach efforts by Cannon to ensure that local residents are fully aware of the possible impact on their communities and have the ability to comment on the proposal. The other letter requested an extension of the comment period for the affected community to help ensure New Mexicans have adequate time to express any opinions on the proposal. Since that letter, the comment period has been **extended to Friday, November 15, 2010.**

In every conversation with Cannon, my office and I have made it abundantly clear that Taos and all affected communities have a right to express their concerns and that any potential negative impact must be taken very seriously by Cannon.

I encourage all potentially impacted New Mexicans to take advantage of the comment period. After this period ends, Cannon will then conduct an environmental assessment, which will be followed by an additional period for comment. In the coming months, as the plan is considered, please know that your voice is of great importance to the issue, to me, and to the community.

My priority has always been the people of New Mexico and working with you to protect the way of life that we hold so dear. If you have any questions or additional concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact any of my offices](#).