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May 7, 2013

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
United States House of Representatives
33rd Congressional District
1600 Rosecrans Avenue, 4th Floor
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

RE: House Resolution (H.R.) 456 - Los Angeles Residential Helicopter
Noise Relief Act of 2013

Dear Congressman Waxman:

At its regular meeting on May 7, 2013, the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach voted to support H.R. 456, the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013, which would regulate helicopter noise that has become a regular disruption to life in several communities throughout Los Angeles County.

Manhattan Beach is grateful for the tremendous benefit helicopters bring to our community by allowing law enforcement and emergency first responders to quickly arrive and provide aid when needed. The City Council appreciates your exemption of these agencies from the regulations proposed in H.R. 456.

However, the high concentration of low-flying commercial, media, and traffic helicopters is an unnecessary imposition on the rights of Los Angeles County residents to carry on conversations or sleep in their own homes due to the constant loud noise of the helicopters which hover over their houses, often for hours at a time. Your proposal to direct the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose noise and safety restrictions on helicopter operators will go a long way to restoring peace in our neighborhoods.

Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of Manhattan Beach and neighboring communities impacted by low-flying helicopters.

Sincerely,

David J. Lesser,
Mayor