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Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc & East Hampton Town Board
Town of East Hampton
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East Hampton DGEIS Scoping Document

Dear Supervisor & Members of the Town Board:

 As the Town Board moves forward with the SEQRA process to determine the future of the East Hampton Airport, it is essential that the scoping document include full identification of the negative environmental impacts of continuing to operate the airport under current rules rather than closing or substantially curtailing its operations.

 The airport sits in a Special Groundwater Protection Area (SGPA), the largest source of drinking water for the Town. It is near the Town’s principal sports facility, several school, many residences, and natural areas and water resources including Georgica and Wainscott Ponds.

 The following is a list of environmental and community character issues which must be included in the scoping document given the airport’s location and the nature of its operations.

1. **Impacts on groundwater**, including the size and importance of the groundwater resource at the airport and the potential for its contamination from fuel stored and used on site and other associated hazardous chemicals.
2. **Impacts on air quality** on the community, including children attending nearby schools and using Town ballfields, of aviation fuel and its associated emissions of carbon, lead and other hazardous chemicals and odors.
3. **Impacts of noise** on community character, quiet enjoyment and recreation.
4. **Impacts on energy and global warming** of the consumption of energy to run the airport and the aircraft and their contributions to global warming.

We commend the Town Board for proceeding with the SEQRA process to evaluate the airport and anticipate that the findings will demonstrate that closing or substantially curtailing airport operations will be produce environmental benefits far in excess of any incidental adverse impacts of closing or a substantial curtailment of operations.

Sincerely,

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