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Rebecca Tepper, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

EEA No. 16654, L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development

Dear Secretary Tepper and Mr. Strysky:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Please accept this letter from the Chairs of the local Boards of Health in Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln. We, as Chairs, are in agreement with comments that have been submitted by the Hanscom Area Towns (HAT)s and by multiple organizations and individuals in our respective communities, expressing concern that the Hanscom Field North Airfield Development project, in addition to the 37% increase in air traffic, will result in a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions (CO₂) and ultrafine particulate matter (PM1.0).

Our obligation is to protect the health of the people who live, work and play in our communities the "public." As drafted, the DEIR lacks rigorous recognition of key climate impacts including air pollution and carbon dioxide. The DEIR omits mention of the unremediated toxic chemical contamination (including, but not limited to, chlorinated solvents, perchlorate, 1,4 dioxane and PFAS) at portions of the Base that require EPA/MassDEP oversight and permitting. These issues directly impact the public's health and wellbeing and therefore, we respectfully seek a revised DEIR that encompasses the full picture at Hanscom including the risks to the health of the "public."

Respectfully,

Maureen Richichi, Chair, Bedford, MA Board of Health Randy Kring, Chair, Concord, MA Board of Health Wendy Heiger-Bernays, Chair, Lexington, MA Board of Health Fred Mansfield, Chair, Lincoln, MA Board of Health

cc: Select Boards in Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln