

Open DeKalb Inc.
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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to ask for your help. DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK) is the second busiest airport in Georgia after Hartsfield-Jackson, and it occupies an area in north DeKalb County larger than New York's LaGuardia Airport. We are very concerned about the direct environmental, health, and financial impacts that the continuing illegal expansion of oversized jet traffic at PDK is having on more than 100,000 residents in nearby areas of DeKalb and Fulton counties.

We know about these violations because Open DeKalb Inc. recently won a major Open Records Law Suit against DeKalb County and PDK Airport. Because of the lawsuit, the County released flight records documenting that more than 200 oversized jet take-offs or landings per month are now occurring at PDK Airport. These oversized jet operations violate the contractual agreement DeKalb County made with the FAA to abide by a 66,000 lb. weight/size limit on aircraft using PDK. For related documents, see www.opendekalbinc.org.

Open DeKalb Inc. and other concerned citizens have repeatedly called these violations to the attention of DeKalb County and the FAA, but officials have refused to comply with the weight limit. In fact, some government officials are now even saying that the weight limit doesn't exist!

Oversized jets flying at low altitudes over our homes, schools, and businesses produce many noise, safety, and environmental hazards. As just one example, jets produce more than 14 toxic emissions, some carcinogenic, that remain unregulated by the Federal government. For details, see the NESCAUM Report at www.pdkwatch.org. Such an environmental burden over densely settled residential areas is, simply put, unacceptable.

Further legal action is necessary now to require mandatory enforcement of the County's contractual weight limit at PDK Airport. Otherwise, the number of such flights will greatly increase, threatening our homes, neighborhoods, and overall quality of life.

We need your help NOW. This is a crucial stage in our David vs. Goliath battle. We won before against great odds and we must do so again. Your tax-deductible donation to Open DeKalb, Inc. is essential to be able to undertake the further legal action necessary to secure court-ordered mandatory enforcement of the PDK weight/size limit to protect our homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

If you would like additional information about Open DeKalb and the weight limit issue, please call me at 404-728-8908, or Larry Foster at 678-637-9227, or e-mail us at questions@opendekalbinc.org.

Contributions to Open DeKalb Inc. are tax-deductible and can be made by U. S. mail to Open DeKalb Inc., P. O. Box 190895, Atlanta, GA 31119, or online at www.opendekalbinc.org.

Thank you for your support of this vital effort to protect our neighborhoods from the threats caused by illegal oversized jet traffic. We can't do it without you!

Sincerely,

Julian F. Fuerst, M.D.
President, Open DeKalb Inc.

P.S. Your financial support is essential to protecting our neighborhoods from the damaging environmental impact created by PDK Airport's oversized operations and from future expansion. Thank you again for your support!

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You can mail your check to: Open DeKalb Inc. / P.O. Box 190895 / Atlanta, GA 31119, or make your secure, online contribution to Open DeKalb Inc. at www.opendekalbinc.org.

Enclosed is my contribution of ____\$1000 ____\$250 ____\$100 ____\$50 ____Other

This contribution is for ____a one-time contribution ____monthly pledge ____quarterly pledge ____annual pledge

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Are you interested in volunteering? _____Neighborhood Association:_____