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**FAiR Coalition Calls for the Resignation of the
O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Chairwoman Arlene J. Mulder**

In the wake of 138,106 noise complaints, a record setting and historical number of citizen complaints from both city and suburbs; no follow-up action based on these same noise complaints, several citizen ballot referendums overwhelmingly supporting more federal funding for home noise insulation; and the ONCC Chairwoman's refusal to allow real public participation at ONCC meetings, the FAiR Coalition calls for the immediate resignation of ONCC's Chairwoman Arlene J. Mulder.

"Most notably, Chairwoman Mulder's priorities have not addressed the critical issues of escalating noise complaints. No matter how many complaints have been made, nothing changes in how the ONCC operates." Said Jim Argionis, FAiR Leadership Team member.

Arlene J. Mulder retired in May 2013 after serving 20 years as mayor of Arlington Heights. In 1997, ONCC members elected her as Chairman of the ONCC, a position she still holds today.

"It is time for a change. Seventeen years is long enough." said Dr. Donald W. Walsh, FAiR Coalition leadership team. He added, "She needs to step down immediately."

At the October 3, 2014 ONCC meeting, Dr. Walsh specifically asked to address the Commission about a letter he submitted and attempted to read at the September 5, 2014 Commission meeting. He was told he only had 2-minutes and the Commission would not address any questions at the meeting. Dr. Walsh requested to speak at the October 3, 2014 Commission meeting and asked if the members received a copy of his September 5, 2014 letter. Commission members did not receive Dr. Walsh's letter as requested in advance when asked.

At the September 5, 2014 Commission meeting, many members of the public and press were denied access to the meeting. Chicago Police were requested to the meeting location by the ONCC to not allow anyone in the meeting room.

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"This action to keep the public out and not being heard is totally inappropriate and wrong. The Commission is funded by tax dollars and is answerable to the public. FAiR will not allow citizens to be kept out of the conversation by a select few." Said Jac Charlier, FAiR Coalition Co-Founder and Leadership Team Member."

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The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition is a rapidly growing movement of citizens and civics on Chicago's Northwest side and the near Northwest suburbs. FAiR is the leading voice for both city and suburban residents negatively impacted by the new runway takeoff and landing patterns. FAiR supports the economic engine that is O'Hare while also seeking a real role in when and where those engines fly over the residents, homes, parks and schools of impacted communities. FAiR recognizes that two more runways are yet to be completed and the problems posed by yet more massive increases in airplane traffic will only become worse if citizens do not have a voice in the process.

FAiR requests residents report airplane noise complaints online throughout the day at www.fairchicago.org or 800-435-9569. Citizens and civic organizations are invited to learn more about and join FAiR at www.fairchicago.org. FAiR is also on Facebook and Twitter @fairchicago.

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