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Local officials to fight FAA flight pattern changes

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Representative William Tong (D-Stamford, New Canaan) will be working with Stamford Board of Finance Chairwoman Mary Lou Rinaldi to invite residents to speak out against federal government plans to change Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) flight patterns in a way detrimental to the area. The two Stamford leaders will be working at a table next Wednesday at the Government Center in Stamford from 12-2 p.m., where they will distribute blank letters of complaint to residents. Upon filling out the letters, Rep. Tong and Ms. Rinaldi will mail them to U.S. Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman, as well as to U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays.

"The idea that just because this is a federal issue, we are helpless to do anything is dead wrong," Rep. Tong said. "As citizens we all need to work together here and make sure our voices are heard in Washington."

Additionally, Rep. Tong recently made an appeal to Stamford Mayor Daniel Malloy on behalf of New Canaan First Selectwoman Judy Neville to join the town of New Canaan in a lawsuit against the FAA. Mayor Malloy has since agreed to participate.

"I strongly urge all residents to come by and fill out one of these letters next Wednesday," said Rep. Tong. "This is actual, concrete action we can take in the fight against the FAA proposals."

A copy of the letter can be found attached and complete details about the event may be found below.

WHAT: Rep. Tong to distribute form letters of complaint regarding proposed FAA flight patterns.

TIME: 12-2 p.m.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

WHERE: Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06091.

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