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Subject: You can help stop the airport expansion right now

Dear Neighbors Who Oppose the Airport Expansion Proposal,

What is your home investment and quality of life worth to you \$50? \$100? \$500? \$1000? What would it be worth with the airport runway expanded 950 feet toward Lohr Road, bringing in heavier and larger planes and jets, with all that means? What would you give to discredit the current MDOT/FAA Environmental Study and, in so doing, protect the future of your investment and your current quality of life ?

You have the opportunity to do this--and get a great return on your contribution--because the current Environmental Assessment is so tremendously flawed that we can now discredit it so forcefully that it becomes a permanent obstacle to future extension proposals. But we need your help to raise the final \$4000 to finance this.

Some of you have already donated and others plan to but have not yet. And some of you are only now aware of this tremendous opportunity to help stop these expansion proposals from happening ever again. We are extraordinarily fortunate that a former Ann Arbor resident and U of M Law School graduate, who is one of the very few aviation law specialists in the country, and his firm have offered at a reasonable cost to write and file our opposition to the environmental assessment.

In an unprecedented move, Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees and their lawyers have carefully examined the advisability of this and are sharing the cost with us. Most of the remaining funds --minus \$4000--have been contributed already. The Stonebridge Community Association and the Stonebridge Estates Community Association have also made donations, as have neighbors from Ann Arbor, Pittsfield and Lodi Township, who have individually contributed from \$20 to over \$500. This committee has worked tremendously long hours, made financial donations and now we need your support to stop this and future expansion efforts.

We must have this funding by the end of the month, so please donate whatever you can now as insurance against going through these expansion attempts again and again. Please make checks out to *Committee for Preserving Community Quality (we are now a registered Michigan Non Profit Corporation)* and send to 5221 Crooked Stick Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

The timing of this flawed environmental assessment along with the availability of this Ann Arbor-educated lawyer with a fondness for Ann Arbor may not happen again, so please encourage your like-minded neighbors and neighborhood associations to donate whatever is possible now. Please don't wait; we need you.

Sincerely,

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Additional facts:

1. This is legal. The case is being taken by one of the very few prestigious law firms nationally that specialize in aviation law. The lawyer is a UM law school alum who grew up in AA, so the fee is nominal. This firm has won very difficult cases nationally. We are very lucky. The head of this firm has a Ph. D. in engineering as well as her law degree. Pittsfield's independent lawyers carefully studied this action and strongly approved it.

2. If we are successful--and because this assessment is so tremendously flawed we expect to succeed or we wouldn't proceed with this--it should make any future assessment extremely difficult for the FAA to approve and we will have virtually stopped future attempts by the airport/FAA/MDOT to expand.

3. Even if the Ann Arbor City Council stops this effort this time to expand the airport, the Airport Layout Plan they unknowingly approved that moves the airport to Lohr Road still exists as a time bomb for any future expansion attempt by the city, FAA, MDOT or the airport. That is why it's so important to kill the environmental assessment, which is an FAA prerequisite to any expansion.

4. While the fee is minimal for a case like this, we do need to raise funds. **Please remember and tell your neighbors that this is a small cost to preserve the value of their homes and their quality of life. The total we still need to raise by the end of the month now is \$4000. So please be as generous as you can.**

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