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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4907

September 13, 2011

Dear

Thank you again for contacting me regarding military air traffic above your home.

Please find enclosed a copy of the reply I received from the Wisconsin National Guard. While I am sorry this matter has not been resolved to your full satisfaction, I hope this information is helpful in understanding the position of the agency.

Should you require additional assistance regarding this or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to call my office at (715) 298-9344.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean P. Duffy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sean P. Duffy  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure



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September 2, 2011

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy  
Representative in Congress  
208 Grand Avenue  
Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

RECEIVED  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Representative Duffy:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, \_\_\_\_\_, Wisconsin, regarding military air traffic above her home since November 2010.

Wisconsin military flying units only use special airspace called "Military Operations Areas" or "Military Training Routes" to conduct military flight training. The closest Military Operations Area to \_\_\_\_\_ is 35 miles to the south and the closest Military Training Route is 8 miles East of \_\_\_\_\_. Our flying units do not use the Military Training Route; however we do use the Military Operations Area for training purposes. If Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ lives 35 miles South of \_\_\_\_\_ she would be in the Military Operations Area in which case she would see military aircraft performing required maneuvers during training activity. Military Operations Areas were established in order to increase flight safety and minimize the impact of military flight training on the National Airspace System. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ reference to "x" patterns, cross-hatching and turning jet trails "off and on" leads us to believe she is referring to contrails. Contrails are streaks of condensed water vapor created in the air and normally produced by high flying military and civilian aircraft. Contrails are an act of nature and cannot be turned "off and on" by aircrews. While it is possible for military aircraft to produce contrails in the upper limits of the Military Operations Area, the contrails would not block the sun sufficiently to cause her chickens to roost early.

Concerning Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ question about recourse and how to file a complaint; if she lives within the Military Operations Area described above, she may call our Volk Field CRTIC complaint program toll free at 1-800-972-8673. The phone is monitored Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If she does not live within the Military Operations Area she can contact the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 414-486-2920. Additional information regarding aircraft operations, air traffic control and Federal Aviation Regulations can be found on the internet at <http://www.faa.gov/>.

I trust this information has been responsive to your inquiry. Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue and your continued support of the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

Very respectfully,

Donald P. Dunbar  
Major General  
Wisconsin National Guard  
The Adjutant General