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FIRST DISTRICT

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Representative Scott Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
California 52nd Congressional District
4340 Executive Drive, Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92121

MCAS Miramar Deviations from Safe Flight Paths Over Residential Areas

Dear Congressman Peters,

I am writing to you as we both share a responsibility to faithfully serve the residents of University City and dutifully represent their interests in our respective elected offices. We both are aware of the grave concerns expressed among our shared constituents regarding the habitual deviation from pre-established flight paths over compact residential areas by aircraft from MCAS Miramar.

These deviations are a legitimate concern for our constituents. Our community will not forget the tragedy on December 8, 2008, when an F-18 crashed in a residential area, outside of the federally pre-established flight path, killing four University City community members. As the elected representatives for this community, it is our responsibility to ensure that such a tragedy never occurs again. Therefore, we must work cooperatively with MCAS Miramar, the Marine Corps, and Department of Defense to ensure that air traffic remains within the established flight paths above our community.

We both value the importance of MCAS Miramar to our national security and owe a great debt to the service men and women of MCAS Miramar. We also recognize the importance and necessity of flight training in our airspace. Adhering to the established flight paths is in the best public safety interests of the community while respecting the Marine Corps and their duties.

I hope that we can work in the interest of our shared community towards safer solutions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Bry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barbara" and last name "Bry" clearly distinguishable.