

Murphy Announces \$4.85 Million in Federal Funds for Middlebury Residents Affected by Noise at the Waterbury-Oxford Airport

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) announced \$4.85 million for Middlebury residents affected by noise levels at the Waterbury-Oxford Airport. For years, residents of the Triangle Hills area of Middlebury have been adversely impacted by the growth in air traffic in and out of the airport. These federal funds will be used to either install voluntary noise insulation or for voluntary home purchase and relocation services.

"This is a huge victory for Middlebury and the Triangle Hills neighborhood. I've been fighting since I got here for funding for this project, but \$5 million exceeds even my expectations. Now, these homeowners will be able to make the best decision for them and their families, with the dollars to either make improvements to alleviate noise, or simply move out of the neighborhood," said Murphy.

Murphy has been pushing the FAA to expedite funding for this project since he came into office.

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In a meeting with the FAA in February 2008, Murphy got them to commit to assistance as soon as the Connecticut Department of Transportation completed its noise study, which the state completed in October 2009;

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In the Fiscal Year 2009 federal appropriations process, Murphy was able to secure \$1,187,500 for the project;

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In May 2009, Murphy fought for and got passed an amendment to an FAA bill to ensure that homeowners who wish to sell their home will get a fair price;

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In the Fiscal Year 2010 process, Murphy got an additional \$500,000 in federal funds for the effort;

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And in December 2009, Murphy wrote to the head of the U.S. Department of Transportation to urge him to include funding in the upcoming budget for this very project.

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