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The Honorable Ted Asti
Mayor, Town of Superior
124 E. Coal Creek Drive
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Dear Mayor Asti:

As the Town of Superior reviews an update to the Superior Comprehensive Plan, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners urges you to plan for the existing and future impacts associated with operations at the Jeffco Airport. A substantial portion of the Superior planning area is impacted by the overflight of aircraft landing or departing the Jeffco Airport on the primary-use runway (29R-11L). The majority of the approximately 150,000 annual aircraft operations use that runway and fly over developed areas of the town and areas where development is projected.

Of particular concern is the encroachment of incompatible development, including single family residences within the Airport's Critical Zone. In a letter dated September 1, 1995, we stated that there is a real threat to the safety of residents located in the Critical Zone. We reported that FAA statistics demonstrate that the greatest threat of an aircraft accident causing property damage and loss of life occurs immediately after an aircraft takes off. Additionally, we described how future residents living in the Critical Zone will be subject to noise that will be intolerable. Finally, we recommended that residential development and public use buildings within the Critical Zone be prohibited.

Although we believe such land uses should be prohibited, we urge you to consider and adopt recommendations made to the Town of Superior by the Jeffco Airport Authority. Those recommendations include requiring written disclosure statements advising potential home buyers within the Airport Critical Zone that their property is located in proximity to the Jeffco Airport and may be impacted by the Airport operations.

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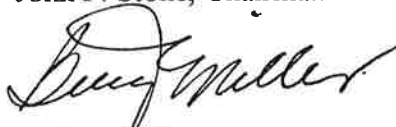
We believe that the Jeffco Airport is a valuable asset to the community and the region. We hope that we can work cooperatively to allow the Town of Superior and the Jeffco Airport to experience positive and compatible growth in the future.

Sincerely,

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John P. Stone, Chairman



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