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Levi Brown, Manager
Vance Brand Airport
229 Airport Road
Longmont, CO 80503

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is to remind the City of Longmont of its contractual obligations with the Federal Aviation Administration to operate Vance Brand Airport. Specifically in regards to the proposed ModernWest 2 residential development proposed near Vance Brand Airport.

Vance Brand Airport is a General Aviation airport, with approximately 212 based aircraft and 88,000 annual operations (a take-off or landing). It is utilized by a variety of aircraft, ranging from small, single-engine propeller airplanes up to jet aircraft that operate during the day and night. The airport is a Federally-funded, public use airport that is required by Federal law to remain open to all types of aircraft 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The FAA views this proposed development as an incompatible land use and contrary to Grant Assurance #21, *Compatible Land Use*. As recipients of over \$6.2 Million dollars in Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding since 1988, the City of Longmont is obligated to comply with certain Federal grant assurances, which include a requirement to “*take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft*”. The City is also obligated to “*not cause or permit any activity or action thereon which would interfere with its use for airport purposes*”. Failure to comply with Federal grant assurances may result in the FAA issuing an order terminating eligibility for grants or suspending the payment of grant funds to the Vance Brand Airport.

If you have questions regarding the above comments or would like to meet to discuss our concerns, please contact me at (303) 342-1263.

Sincerely,

John Sweeney
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FAA/Denver Airports District Office