

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Randolph D. Alles
Director
United States Secret Service
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Dear Director Alles:

We are writing to request your assistance in lessening the economic and operational burden that the current Bedminster Presidential Temporary Flight Restriction (POTUS TFR) poses to airports, operators, and small businesses in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania region. Specifically, we urge the United States Secret Service (USSS) to work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as well as general aviation stakeholders to implement enhanced egress/ingress procedures for general aviation airports located within the 10 nautical mile (NM) inner core of a Bedminster POTUS TFR.

As you are aware, more than 20 general aviation airports are located within the Bedminster POTUS TFR area. There are also approximately 60 fixed-base operators (FBOs), including 28 flight schools and 10 flying clubs. The total economic output of these general aviation stakeholders and small businesses exceeds \$2.4 billion combined annually. Most of these general aviation businesses rely on the summer flying and tourism season to generate sales and keep them afloat during the off-season. The Bedminster POTUS TFR potentially jeopardizes these small businesses and hurts local economies.

Somerset Airport and Solberg-Hunterdon Airport, for example, are forced to shut down because they are located within a 10 NM no-fly inner core of a Bedminster POTUS TFR. Both airports are privately owned and have operated as public use airports since 1940s offering a full range of aircraft services, flight schooling, on-demand charter operations and maintenance facilities. Andover Flight Academy, a small business, is unable to provide weekend classes that have kept them in business since 1987. Skydive Jersey and Van Sant Airport are also among the many small businesses that have been negatively affected.

We believe the USSS, in conjunction with the FAA, the TSA and other involved parties, should establish security measures that balance the security needs of the President while also minimizing the Bedminster POTUS TFRs impact on the local economy and businesses in our home

states. We respectfully suggest implementing general aviation security enhanced egress/ingress procedures similar to the Maryland Three (MD-3) Program in place near Washington, D.C. which allows properly vetted private pilots to fly to and from airports located in a security-sensitive area.

By establishing flexible enhanced security procedures, we believe the USSS and other federal stakeholders can meet the important responsibilities of protecting our Commander-in-Chief while minimizing the negative impact on the local economies and small businesses. We hope you will work closely with us on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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