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Richard Roy, Chairman  
Cape Cod Commission  
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Dear Chairman Roy:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been asked for additional information regarding the various components of the Provincetown Municipal Airport Capital Improvement Plan, which is under review by the Cape Cod Commission. This question specifically pertains to the need for the proposed perimeter fence.

The Provincetown Municipal Airport has spent several years analyzing the potential impacts of the various projects. All the projects under review have the support of the FAA. We have funded the majority of the work thus far, and will likely fund the majority of the construction costs.

The proposed perimeter fence is an important safety component of the Capital Improvement Plan. Deer, and people unaware of their surroundings, have wandered onto the airport property – and onto the runway – on various occasions. The FAA is currently studying and constructing wildlife deterrent fences at various airports. Deer on active runways are the most hazardous wildlife we encounter, due to their size. The Airport should take whatever steps are necessary to prohibit hazardous wildlife, and people, from entering the runway environment. This important safety improvement is beneficial for the flying public, local residents, and the deer that may be struck and killed by aircraft.

I hope this letter has clarified the matter of the proposed fence at Provincetown Municipal Airport. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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