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Mr. Youssef Elzein
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Dear Mr. Elzein:

James M. Cox - Dayton International Airport, Dayton, OH
Comments on Request for Aullwood Land Lease

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has completed a review of the proposed lease of airport property to the Aullwood Audubon Center. This proposal would allow the Center to create a wildlife prairie and preserve as identified in Mr. Johnathon Vrabel's letter dated May 8, 2007. Based on that review, the FAA does not support the request based on the following concerns:

- a. FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33B, Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports, dated August 28, 2007 (copy enclosed), states that all areas that attract wildlife should be located a minimum of 10,000 feet from airports utilized by jet aircraft. This area would be maintained specifically to attract wildlife and would not be compatible within the 10,000 feet.
- b. The Airport Layout Plan for the Dayton International Airport, identifies an extension to Runway 6L that includes extending the Approach Lighting System Flashers (ALSF-II) into an area of the proposed lease. This is unacceptable to the FAA. The airport must control all property that airport navigational aides are located on.
- c. It is your responsibility to maintain the highest level of safety possible on property that is owned and controlled by the airport sponsor. It is the FAA's stance to try and work with the sponsor to develop a plan to minimize all wildlife attractants near airports. Allowing enhanced wildlife preserve in the approach to your primary runway at Dayton International Airport could be deemed an incompatible land use and be contrary to your grant assurances.

Should you have questions, please call this office at telephone number (734) 220-2915.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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