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Dear Resident,

I would like to thank all of those residents who participated in the recent public meetings discussing the future of Solberg Airport. I am very pleased with the results of these meetings. The suggestions and input of the public have helped the Township Committee and the Solberg families become resolute in their desire to negotiate a plan that respects the interests of all involved.

Many of you, with varying points of views and concerns, spoke wisely and clearly at the recent public meetings on the subject, and I would like to assure you that the Township Committee is listening carefully. There appears to be an overriding sentiment that Readington is a great place to live and those efforts of the Readington Township Committees, both past and present who have demonstrated a desire to protect Readington's very special quality of life are much appreciated. There is unanimous agreement that Solberg Airport as it exists today is a valuable community treasure that ought to be preserved. There appears to be unanimous agreement that an expanded airport that would allow jet traffic would not be acceptable to the community. In addition, you, the taxpayers of Readington, have weighed in quite clearly that you want a solution that does not adversely affect your pocketbooks.

At the Monday, August 22, 2005 meeting, The Township Committee and the Solberg family agreed to enter into good faith negotiations to develop a preservation plan that meets these goals and others that are identified as we proceed. I intend to reach out to various local, state and federal agencies that have a stake in this preservation effort for assistance and financial help. Over the weeks and months ahead, as these negotiations proceed, we ask for your patience and your continued input as we face this difficult challenge. For additional comments/concerns you can leave a message for me at 908-534-4051 or through e-mail at mayor@township.readington.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Gatti,
Mayor