April 15, 2021

Mr. John Kirby
Vice President, Network Planning
Spirit Airlines
2800 Executive Way
Miramar, FL 33025

RE: Spirit Airlines’ Use of Quiet, Fuel-Efficient Aircraft

Dear Mr. Kirby:

As the Chair of the City of Newport Beach Aviation Committee and on behalf of the many city residents who live under the John Wayne Airport (SNA) departure flight path, I welcome Spirit Airlines to Orange County and extend our sincere thanks for your sizeable investment in operating one of the youngest and most technologically advanced fleets in the United States.

Spirit Airlines’ networkwide use of aircraft in the A320neo family, and its decision to fly the A320neo for its SNA routes, came as great news to Newport Beach. A large section of our city is located directly under the SNA departure corridor and our community well recognizes that the newer generation aircraft are fuel efficient, less polluting and generate approximately half the amount of noise as previous generation aircraft. Knowing the complex nature of aircraft acquisition and network scheduling, we very much appreciate the aircraft equipment you are using to serve SNA, and the outstanding departure performance of Spirit’s flight deck crews. Many of our residents are attuned to varying aircraft noise levels and they have noticed Spirit’s quieter departures. As a result, the City intends to continue to share the great news about Spirit’s Fit Fleet® and its positive effect on our community and other communities surrounding airports.
We applaud Spirit for operating a business, environmental and community friendly fleet and commend your investment in noise- and pollution-reducing technologies.

Sincerely,

Diane Dixon
City Council Member
Chair, Newport Beach Aviation Committee

cc: Newport Beach City Council
Supervisor Katrina Foley, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Barry Rondinella, Director, John Wayne Airport