

Lori Olberg

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Dear Lori ,

During the late 1990's or early 2000's I attended a meeting at the University of Hawaii. The meeting was arranged to enable several people who were residing on Okinawa , near a U.S. military base , to discuss their situation with people in Hawaii who might offer them helpful advice. Their problem was noise pollution from U.S. military planes. It was so bad that their children couldn't focus on their school work during classes. The Okinawan people had decided to allow the U.S. military to build several bases on their island because of the money they would receive. Unfortunately the Okinawan people didn't realize that having these military bases on their island would destroy their previously peaceful environment . Their greatest concern was their children, but the noise pollution hurt everyone. Replacing F- 16 planes with F-35 planes in Burlington,VT, according to one Internet article that I recently read, would multiply the noise pollution experienced in the Burlington area by four times. There were many articles that expressed similar concerns, while some articles were contradictory. If I resided in the Burlington area I would certainly choose to err on the side of helping the people in my neighborhood to live in a peaceful environment - and my main concern would be helping the children as they don't have much say in these matters. They must rely on caring adults to do what's best for them.

Sincerely, Jackie Gordon

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