

Senator Collins' statement on CONDOR – issued 8/22/11

“I have long been concerned that the authorization of low-altitude military training in the proposed airspace could affect areas that contribute significantly to the local economy as well as areas that are culturally and environmentally sensitive. Specifically, the proposed low-altitude training airspace covers four ski resorts, 47,700 acres of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe reservation, and 144 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

“I continue to expect the FAA to hold a public hearing to ensure that Mainers have the opportunity to share their concerns directly with FAA officials. I appreciate knowing the Governor's views and will do all that I can to see that the National Guard and FAA abide by the wishes of our State.”