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To Whom It May Concern:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing over 400,000 general aviation pilots, submits the following comments in support of the proposed revision of VOR Federal Airway 363 (V-363) between Mission Bay, California and Pomona, California as referenced in airspace study FAA-2005-20511. AOPA believes the realignment of V-363 will provide an available route for circumnavigating the Camp Pendleton restricted area 2503D (R-2503D) range complex, and will have a positive impact to general aviation pilots transitioning along the Southern California coastline.

The existing structure of airways around R-2503D require pilots transitioning along the shoreline to fly significant deviations of more than 10 nautical miles offshore or a lengthy route more than 20 nautical miles inland. The proposed V-363 provides a more direct route and enhances the efficiency of the national airspace system for the general aviation pilot.

AOPA supports the Southern California Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) initiative to provide an efficient route to pilots forced to circumnavigate the Camp Pendleton R-2503.

Sincerely,

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