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VIA: EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

I live at Air Acres Airport (5GA4) for 23 years. The location of my home is approximately mid field on the grass airstrip.

On March 21st, 2015 a piper aircraft (N8803W) appeared to make a landing downwind to the north at Air Acres Airport. When the aircraft did a go around, this got my attention to walk to the edge of the runway and watch the second attempt. After not landing, the aircraft flew north and made a 180 degree turn to land to the south. The aircraft was on short final over the overrun north of the field, which at this time I observed the pilot cross-controlling the aircraft into a slip to possibly to try to loose altitude. The aircraft was too high for the approach and too fast. The aircraft touched down on its nose wheel in front of my house, bounced-ballooned into the air where it continued to fly for another 300 yards or more, then touched down well passed mid field. The aircraft was in ground effect and each time it touched down it skidded on the run way until it skidded off the end of the runway and flipped over. Another witness called 911 at 6:06PM. I and two other witnesses rushed to the end of the runway to try to help the occupants on board. As we approached the end of the runway they were climbing out of the aircraft.

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