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House Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HBI6 - Sales and Use Tax-Aircraft Parts and Equipment-Exemption

Dear Madam Chair Kaiser and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HBI6-SALES AND USE TAX-AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT-EXEMPTION which provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for materials, parts, or equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of aircraft if the materials, parts, or equipment are installed on the aircraft.

Surrounding states, such as Pennsylvania and Delaware, have similar statutes in place creating a disadvantage for Maryland's aviation industry. The fact that Maryland does not offer a similar exemption makes it less competitive and causes aircraft owners to look outside the state when planning for aircraft repairs upgrades. Passage of this legislation will boost Maryland's aviation industry and provide a level playing field for our region.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting of HBI6.

Respectfully,

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cc: Lower Eastern Shore Delegation