

HB0204 **OPPOSE**

## Maryland Aviation Commission - Duties, Composition, and Member Orientation

Dear Committee members,

It is not clear what kinds of decisions and what kind of "scientific research" will be considered and for what purpose in this bill. The language is too vague. What does "creating and maintaining healthy and livable communities" mean?

There seems to be a push to "internationalize" ownership and control of local airports, and promote infrastructure investments - perhaps by foreign entities? - see link: [https://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/MO/WEF\\_AT\\_NewRegulatoryModel.pdf](https://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/MO/WEF_AT_NewRegulatoryModel.pdf) Also a December meeting of MAA board members seems to confirm this.

This document states "This White Paper proposes to eliminate one such restriction – the “nationality rule” that prohibits foreign ownership of airlines," and "...airlines have played an essential role in bringing globalization to the world but are prevented from operating like any other global business."

Note the term "any entity" in the bill. "Any entity" could mean anyone from anywhere, making decisions about a state-owned airport. Who would this be? How would Maryland citizens benefit? This airport belongs to Marylanders, and we should be involved in knowing who these entities are and what influence they will be having on state-owned and operated airport facilities.

This bill leaves too many questions unanswered and therefore I oppose HB0204.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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