
February 11, 2020

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
Chair, Appropriations Committee
121 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 310 – University of Maryland, Baltimore - Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise

Dear Chair McIntosh and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on House Bill 310, but offers the following letter of information for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 310 would require the University of Maryland, Baltimore to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI Marshall) Airport since the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen).

The FAA is currently undertaking a national study to determine the effects of aircraft noise on sleeping habits and exposure-response relationships between aircraft noise and its effect on communities, estimated to be completed in two years. Furthermore, several studies have previously been conducted on the specific issue of aircraft noise impacts with respect to community health, environment, and several other factors. The MDOT Maryland Aviation Administration would be happy to provide the Committee any available studies and reports for its consideration.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information as it deliberates on House Bill 310.

Respectfully submitted,

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