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The Honorable Paul Pinsky  
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**SENATE BILL 528 – CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2022 – Favorable w/  
Amendment**

Dear Chair Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Southwest Airlines submits the following comments in support of amendments to Senate Bill 528, the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, and respectfully urges the favorable consideration of the amendment below. SB528 is a comprehensive approach to counteracting climate change in Maryland, including significant actions in the State’s transportation sector. The development and implementation of sustainable aviation fuels is a vital part of those efforts and Southwest urges the Committee to consider allocating resources for the increased development and use of those tools as part of this comprehensive approach. While we have seen great strides in the electrification of automotive vehicles, that technology for aircraft is still decades away, but Maryland can act now to increase the use of sustainable aviation fuels and help combat the environmental impacts of air travel now.

Southwest respectfully submits the following amendment for the Committee’s consideration:

On page 5, in line 20, after “**TRANSPORTATION SECTOR**” insert “**AND THE USE OF SUSTAINBLE ALTERNATIVE FUELS IN AVIATION**”.

Thank you for your consideration of Southwest’s views concerning this very important matter. If your, your staff or any of your colleagues have questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Richardson

