

## Montgomery County

→ Quiet Skies Coalition

**SB 0658**  
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We are writing to support legislation that would create a **Maryland Aviation Infrastructure Impacts Commission**: [SB 0658](#).

The Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC) was formed in 2016 to work with Maryland residents, elected officials, the Federal Aviation Administration, and aviation experts to resolve and mitigate the dangerous levels of noise, air pollution, and health and safety risks imposed on our communities by aircraft operations at Reagan National Airport (DCA). Our coalition represents Maryland neighborhoods with approximately 7,500 homes, 20,000 residents, and numerous K-12 schools. Flight paths and procedures into and out of Reagan National Airport (DCA) send over 400 disruptively loud, low-altitude flights over our homes, schools, parks, and businesses each day.

The Maryland Aviation Infrastructure Impacts Commission would conduct research and issue reports about the public health and environmental impacts of aviation on Maryland residents. **This information is urgently needed and sorely lacking.** It would give the General Assembly the information it needs in order to balance the needs of communities – including a healthy environment, peaceful enjoyment of property, and protection of property values – with the needs of the commercial aviation industry and its stakeholders.

Although the proposed Commission pertains to Maryland-owned aviation facilities and to Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport in particular, it would benefit Marylanders who live in Montgomery County as well. Better understanding of the impacts of aviation on underlying communities is urgently needed. We very much hope you will support this legislation.

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