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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 30, 2023

**SB356**

**Transportation – Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI  
Thurgood Marshall Airport – Modification**

Good Afternoon Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Members of Environment and Transportation;

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you SB 356, Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport – Modification. The Committee was formed in 2001 to provide funding to the communities impacted most by BWI for transportation related improvements.

SB356 increases the funding from \$1 for every takeoff and landing of an aircraft at BWI to \$2 and also provides for an additional member appointed by the Senator from District 12. It expands the scope of projects eligible for funding to include not only transportation issues, but also public safety, education and projects sought by nonprofit organizations. This is similar to the existing Local Development Councils for MD Live and Laurel Racetrack.

The Fiscal Note states an additional staff member is needed. As the Department already staffs the Committee, I do not believe a full-time staff person is needed.

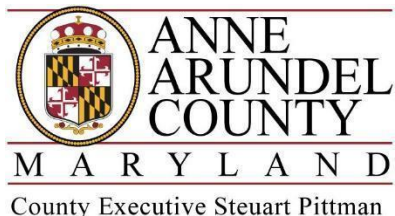
Every aspect of our citizens lives are disrupted by the noise associated with the takeoffs and landing aircraft especially since the introduction of NexGen aircraft, the impact is felt 24 hours a day. The benefit to our communities is well deserved and is small compensation for the impact.

I respectfully request a favorable report on SB356.

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**Senate Bill 356**

**Transportation - Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities  
Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport - Modification**

**House Environment and Transportation Committee**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 356 – Transportation - Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport - Modification. This Bill expands the responsibilities of the Committee to developing projects to improve quality of life in surrounding communities, advancing projects brought to the committee by nonprofit organizations, and making recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation for funding projects that address these matters. It also doubles the minimum annual funding that the Secretary must budget for committee recommended projects.

Currently, grant funding for projects to address transportation issues in the Airport Noise Zone (ANZ) is based on \$1 per inbound or outbound flight, which amounts to approximately \$230,000 annually. This legislation doubles that amount, providing an additional \$230,000 each year to not only address transportation issues, but also fund public safety improvements, quality of life projects, and improve education. With implementation of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), noise complaints in communities surrounding BWI have increased significantly due to altered flight patterns, and the quality of life of residents in the area has been impacted. Projects to ameliorate those impacts require community support and input, as well as funding, and this Bill is an important component in meeting those requirements.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 356.

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Stuart Pittman  
County Executive

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Title: **Support Maryland General Assembly Senate Bill 0356 –  
Oral Testimony**

Speaker: Daniel E. Woomer  
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Hearing: House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

**Introduction:**

I'm Daniel E. Woomer, past VP of the Linthicum-Shipley Improvement Association, Board member and past president of the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit, member of the Citizens Against the SCMaglev, voting member of the BWI Roundtable, and pleased to speak before you again.

I encourage the Committee members to vote **IN FAVOR** with amendments the changes proposed in Senate Bill 356.

**Testimony:**

With the establishment of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities and the \$1.00 takeoff and landing fee to fund its annual budget, communities neighboring BWI Marshall have received grants-in-aid to make transportation related improvements.

This Bill would increase the fee to \$2.00, and expand the scope of the projects eligible to receive grants allowing BWI Marshall surrounding communities to request additional quality of life, environmental impact improvement, and safety projects.

Note, the proposed changes **SHOULD** have no impact to the State budget. Grants are funded by takeoff and landing fees. On average there are 8 to 10 grants per year (pre-Covid). Even doubling the fees, the number of grants awarded will likely remain small. Existing State resources should be able to absorb these few additional simple grants as the

majority of the work for the grant is completed by the grant requester.

My first suggested “amendment” is no additional employee as proposed in Financial and Policy Note.

Second amendment I suggest is strike line 16 on page 3 quote *Improve Education; and* end quote.

The grants should be focused on community projects that improve all residents’ safety and quality of life. For example, replacement of dilapidated decades old sidewalks improves the safety and quality of life from tots, to parents with strollers, to school children, to senior citizens.

Our state schools have multiple avenues of funding, federal, state, county, alumni, galas, etc. As you are aware, Governor Moore is looking at an \$800 million add to school funding. Let’s keep this small amount of funding solely for community improvement and support which aids all residents.

**In Summary:**

I encourage the Committee members to vote **IN FAVOR** with amendments the changes proposed in this Bill.

Thank you.

# **SB0356 - MAA - Committee for Enhancement of Commun**

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**RE: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 356 – Transportation - Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport - Modification**

Dear Chair Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 356 but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

Senate Bill 356 expands the eligibility of projects for the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (Committee) to include those that improve public safety, improve the quality of life in surrounding communities, improve education, or are advanced by nonprofit organizations. As drafted, the expanded eligibility of projects may conflict with MDOT's statutory requirement that mandates the Transportation Secretary's grants-in-aid fund **only** transportation related projects.

The MDOT requests an amendment clarifying that all projects approved by the Committee be related to transportation and one of the other criteria, as outlined on Page 3 of Senate Bill 356. This amendment does not prohibit Committee projects from improving public safety, the quality of life in surrounding communities, or education but specifies that the projects must also address transportation issues.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 356.

Respectfully Submitted,

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