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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

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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