

Title: **Support Maryland General Assembly Senate Bill 162**

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Oral Testimony:

I'm Daniel E. Woomer, a resident of Linthicum Heights, a neighbor of the BWI Marshall Airport, and a voting member of the BWI Roundtable.

I encourage the Finance Committee members to vote IN FAVOR of the changes proposed in Senate Bill 162.

Part of the purpose of the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable (Roundtable) is to “Evaluate noise and other environmental effects” on communities and residents neighboring BWI Marshall (Airport) and to “Identifying possible alternative routings and procedures” to mitigate the concentrations of noise and jet engine exhaust particulate pollution on the surrounding communities brought on with FAA’s implementation of NextGen flight management procedures.

The Roundtable has accomplished much. Following over 6-years of research and numerous discussions and meetings with FAA, MDOT, MAA, BWI, Southwest, Maryland General Assembly members, and community

representatives, our group of volunteers worked long hours to develop a series of flight path changes for FAA's consideration. These proposed changes would help mitigate noise and pollution over higher populated areas of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties.

At the end of 2022 the FAA announced they have accepted the Roundtable proposals and began the process to make the proposed flight path adjustments.

Working with the contractor Vianair, the Roundtable started the development of an Anne Arundel and Howard Counties noise model. This work is a significant step in monitoring and quantifying the noise concentrations across the Airport's neighboring communities.

These are small steps forward. Having four members of the Maryland Aviation Commission be identified and vetted by the Roundtable; selected from the communities impacted by the Airport's noise and particulate pollution is a logical next step.

In Summary:

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Thank you.