

## OPPOSE SB0162

SB0162 Maryland Aviation Commission – Duties, Composition, and Member Orientation

Dear Committee Members:

The language in this bill is concerning. State airports belong to the State and under the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland and the people of Maryland. There needs to be transparency in the members of this coalition who will be making decisions on the future of state-owned airports. See the language below:

(ii) A representative of **any entity** whose principal activities are related to the operation of State-owned airports;

(iii) A person employed **by any entity** whose principal activities are related to the operation of State-owned airports; or

Moreover, there seems to be a push for the “internationalization,” possibly a “federalization,” of local airports, in the future, based on this document.

[https://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/MO/WEF\\_AT\\_NewRegulatoryModel.pdf](https://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2016/MO/WEF_AT_NewRegulatoryModel.pdf)

Will international entities be investing or taking ownership or any control of State airports? Who benefits? What parties are involved? What would this mean for Marylanders’ travel plans in the future? The people of Maryland need to be kept in this loop, and not secret assignments to Commission members in a backroom.

Again, state airports belong to Maryland. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you.

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