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Ways and Means Committee  
Attn.: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair  
Room 131  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill No. 557/Senate Bill No. 574- Sales and Use Tax Exemption-Aircraft Parts  
and Equipment-Repeal of Reporting Requirement

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Atterbeary and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of House Bill 557/Senate Bill 574, which seeks to continue the sales and use tax exemption, as provided in Chapter 638, on the sale of materials, parts, or equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of certain aircraft, and to repeal the reporting requirement and sunset.

It is vital that owners and operators have access to affordable repair, maintenance, and upgrade services. Aircraft are intricate machines that require routine upkeep to ensure safety and airworthiness. Imposing an additional financial burden in the form of sales and use taxes on essential materials, parts, or equipment would significantly impact the aviation industry's ability to perform these necessary tasks.

The exemption provided by House Bill 557/Senate Bill 574 not only supports the aviation industry but also contributes to the safety of air travel. By incentivizing proper maintenance and upgrades, this legislation ultimately benefits everyone who relies on air transportation.

Furthermore, the repeal of the reporting requirement alleviates unnecessary administrative burdens on both businesses and government entities. Simplifying the tax compliance process allows aviation businesses to focus their resources on providing high-quality services rather than navigating complex reporting procedures.

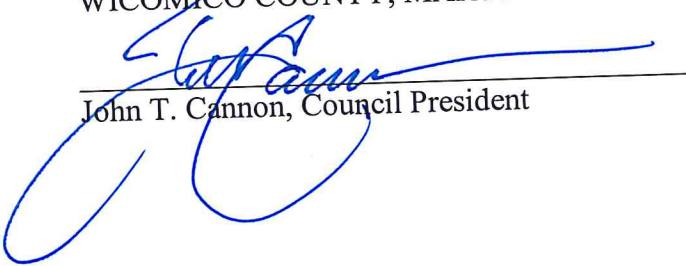
We urge you to support House Bill 557/Senate Bill 574 to continue the exemption from State sales and use tax for aircraft repair, maintenance, and upgrade materials, parts, or equipment, and to

repeal the reporting requirement and sunset. This legislation is crucial for the continued growth and safety of the aviation industry in our state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we hope to see your support for House Bill 557/Senate Bill 574. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



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John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council  
Eastern Shore Delegation