

I strongly recommend passage of a bill to prohibit persistent aerial surveillance, because of the extreme problems of **noise pollution** such surveillance entails. In 2020, when the Baltimore Police Department ran a pilot “spy plane” program, the planes flew over my house every 5 minutes from 9 AM to 8 PM every day, and I could hear their noise inside my house, even while wearing noise-cancelling headphones. I had no escape, and it made me anxious and physically ill, with constant chest-tightening and discomfort and other symptoms of anxiety. Research has clearly shown that noise pollution causes stress and threatens mental and physical health.

When this program was in operation, I was in touch with numerous people who felt the same way I did, whose lives were made miserable by the constant noise. In my case, I had to find places to work and stay outside of Baltimore for the duration of the spy plane program. If such a program were reinstated, I would have to leave the city. There are many good reasons to prohibit such a program, but noise pollution and its effect on mental and physical health is a very important one.

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