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Please register my voice against the proposed Aviation Business Park. I do not support changing the zoning and removing the Watershed Conservation District from the 558 acres around Maryland Airport. Lead exhaust, as per health studies, is detrimental to the health of children. The impact has been studied in other airport areas and should also be studied as an environmental justice issue in Charles County. This airport uses piston engine aircraft, which burn leaded gas. The proposed airport expansion would mean increased air traffic which would have increased negative impacts on community health and quality of life There is no economic study in support of this rezoning. Two county studies recommend against taxpayer subsidies for industrial zoning in this area. The most recipient study, the RKG study that supported subsidizing the 50 acres, is not available for review. Charles County is

proposing to remove the Environmental Protections on critical areas of Mattawoman Creek. The County Commissioners are on the cusp of changing the zoning in a large, extremely high-value environmentally sensitive forested stream valley, above the mainstem of Mattawoman Creek and located above two DNR-identified flood zones. The county proposes to remove the Watershed Conservation District (WCD) which permits 8% impervious with industrial zoning that allows 70% impervious. Due to the predictably disastrous Mattawoman Creek impacts of this proposal, the decision needs scholarly study before it is decided. We request Charles County delay the airport decision until assistance from the state can be obtained and an updated study of the % of impervious surface in the watershed is determined. It is irresponsible regarding climate and the Chesapeake Bay program to proceed with the destruction of this important watershed without first understanding the impacts of the decision ecologically economically and socially.

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