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Dear Charles County Commissioner: Public officials like you, our elected county commissioners, share a mission not entirely unlike that of my colleagues and I, our public schoolteachers. We both work towards the future; we both spend our time today planning for a future that won't be realized until our children are grown tomorrow. We, the adults in the community, are the ones with the power. The power to uphold the Mattawoman Creek Watershed Conservation District formed to preserve a vital tributary of the Chesapeake Bay... or to rezone 558 acres of this preserved land as a large industrial airport complex. The power to preserve clean skies, water and soil for our J.C. Parks and Matthew Henson schoolchildren... or to plant an industrial complex bringing piston engine aircraft carrying toxic leaded fuel to our children's brains and nervous systems. Today you find yourself at a critical juncture in

deciding how you will use your power, and I urge you to not take the easy way out. I'm sure the easy decision is to appease those with the loudest voices, those acting in the interest of their short-term economic gains, looking to use our Charles County community as a landing for their corporate jets. Our children, of course, have no such resources at their disposal; theirs are only the quietest of voices. The lands and waters they will inherit can only result from the actions we adults take on their behalf today. Black children are already disproportionately burdened by lead exposure nationwide. Let us not become, like the majority of airports in America, complicit in situating the aviation airports with the highest volume of lead emissions in communities of color . I implore you to stop the airport expansion in the Mattawoman Watershed Conservation District. Our community here in Charles County, and our children of J.C. Parks and Matthew Henson Middle Schools, deserve to have our health protected by those with the power to do so: you, our county commissioners.

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