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Dear President Reuben B. Collins II,

Please reject the Amendment to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan-MD Airport.

Mattawoman Creek, including the areas surrounding the airport, is a vital resource for the county, state, and Chesapeake Bay. It is a huge contributor to Potomac fishing and ecotourism. The proposed amendment would remove the environmental protections intrinsic to the Watershed Conservation District designation.

The increase in size of the airport and the larger airplanes will increase noise, air, and water pollution and negatively affect home values, nearby schools, and quality of life for local residents. Furthermore, the increase in paved areas will dramatically worsen stormwater problems. The industrial expansion zoning is also proposed in a historic African American community that would be disproportionately exposed to the expanded airport's increased pollution. Two public schools are 2100 feet from the proposed expansion, and the children's learning would be endangered by the increased lead exposure from airplane fumes.

Mattawoman Creek remains what a restored Chesapeake Bay would look like says a DNR Expert Task Force. The report states that the freshwater-tidal estuary, river, and watershed is full of wildlife, making it the 8th ranked for Maryland's biodiversity.

The economic and environmental protections provided by a healthy Mattawoman Creek are critical to Maryland and particularly to the Malloes Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary ecosystem. Mattawoman Creek is already on the tipping point of irreparable damage.

The Mattawoman's health is too fragile to survive the direct, cumulative, and secondary impacts of the proposed Amendment. Strengthen Mattawoman protections in order to protect our citizens, do NOT weaken them. Keep the Watershed Conservation District in place.

Sincerely,

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