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### Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Lands Surrounding Maryland Airport

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One only has to observe thriving airports like Hagerstown, St. Mary's County and Hanover, VA to see the economic impact it has on local communities and the region; it's huge. Aviation related job opportunities at these airports are in all areas ; retail, commercial and industrial. Similar activities could also be available at Maryland Airport should we remove some of the restraints imposed by the Watershed Conservation District. Jobs at the airport would keep local workers nearby and eliminate commutes to DC and Virginia. The notion that aviation related growth at the airport would devastate the Watershed is absurd; we have all kinds of laws in place that adequately protect the environment and processes that monitor activities. And most of our citizens are conscious of the environment and understand the necessity to treat Mother Nature kindly. Some are concerned about aircraft noise but are unaware that airports have noise abatement programs to reduce aircraft noise; compare that to the exhaust enhanced systems on pick-up trucks, muscle cars and motorcycles. Aircraft flying overhead are not going to fall on us; there are very stiff safety rules that apply

and records prove that flying is much safer than driving. Aircraft engines also use high octane fuel which burns much cleaner than most autos and produces less pollutants. We need to free-up some airport constraints so as to continue housing the Medevac aircraft. And to continue to support the CAP, Civil Air Patrol, in its 'search and rescue' activities. The airport provides a nearby departure base for 'first responders' at Indian Head as they deploy to quell health, natural and terrorist disasters. The area considered in this proposal, it is a mere fraction of the area included in the WCD. I do not see this proposal as an assault on the environment nor an attack on the quality of life to those living in the area. I see this as an opportunity to work locally and to let an enterprise flourish. I vote YES.

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