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Testimony in favor of CB8-2017

AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Office of Law to institute any civil action or other proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Greetings! My name is (*name*)... I live at (*address*) ... and I come before you this evening to testify in support of CB8-2017.

My wife and I recently bought a home directly which is directly in the flight path to BWI. Over the past year, planes are getting louder and louder. Although our toddler loves to look up at them and point to them, they are getting closer and closer, and quite audible, especially in the evening.

My main concern, more than the excessive noise at times, is that the value of our new home will decrease, or the increase in equity will rise much slower than other communities. I don't believe we'll have trouble selling our home if we choose to move to a bigger home in the next few years, but for what the home will be worth I fear may be tens of thousands of dollars less due to the flight path in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,

Opel Jones, I.