

TESTIMONY OF PATRICK RODDY ESQ AND MICHAEL JOHANSEN ESQ. ON BEHALF
OF ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS SUPPORTING WITH AMENDMENTS HOUSE BILL 1410
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this testimony is presented by Patrick Roddy and Michael Johansen of Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, LLC on behalf of Enterprise Holdings. Enterprise Holdings is in SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1410 WITH AMENDMENTS.

Enterprise Holdings (operating under the Enterprise, National and Alamo brands) is a family-owned and operated business with more than 100,000 employees operating a fleet of 2 million vehicles through a network of more than 10,000 locations in more than 100 countries. Enterprise hires more college students each year than any other employer in the US. In Maryland alone, Enterprise Holdings has two corporate offices in Linthicum and Rockville with nearly 2,000 employees and 200 brick and mortar locations statewide.

Almost 20 years ago, the Maryland Aviation Administration embarked on a plan to plan to move car rental operations away from the main terminal and the close-in garage area of the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). This resulted in the construction of a consolidated car rental facility, which is over a mile away from the main terminal building. In addition, the car rental companies have a number of employees who provide transportation services between that consolidated car rental facility, the main terminal and other areas of BWI.

The wording of House Bill 1410 is so broad that it captures the consolidate car rental facility and other BWI properties far away from the main passenger terminal. We do not believe the intent of the bill is to have its reach extend far from what is truly the actual heightened security area. The consolidate car rental facility does not have any heightened security features and is open and accessible to the public.

For these reasons Enterprise believes the attached amendments should be adopted to eliminate the effect of House Bill 1410 on the consolidated car rental facility. The amendments also narrow the scope of House Bill 1410 by eliminating employees who are only periodically within the main terminal area as part of their transportation duties.