

SB 0814 University of Maryland, Baltimore - Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise
Organization: BWI Roundtable
Position: Support

The BWI Roundtable was formed in 2017 at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is hosted by the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA). The BWI Roundtable pursues solutions to the negative impacts caused by the D.C. Metroplex project implemented as part of the NextGen program.

The BWI Roundtable supports Senate Bill 0814.

At the November 2019 meeting, prior to the introduction of this bill, the Roundtable passed this resolution:

"The BWI Roundtable endorses the efforts by the MDOT MAA, local, state, and federal representatives to conduct environmental studies on health, considering both the physical and mental effects of airport noise on surrounding communities, and to properly fund noise monitoring equipment to validate modeling."

At the January 2020 meeting, the Roundtable passed an additional resolution to specifically support SB0814.

Good decisions come from good data. In the upcoming years, the MDOT MAA will make decisions on the schedule and frequency of operations, on the expansion of cargo operations, and on the construction of an additional runway. The surrounding communities will benefit if these decisions are informed by solid data on the impact of airport operations.