



January 15, 2020

The Honorable Delegate Christopher Adams  
House Office Building, Room 426  
6 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Adams,

On behalf of the 100 plus members of the Greater Salisbury Committee, an organization that, since 1967, has been serving as a catalyst in and for the Salisbury area, please accept this letter of support for both Senate Bill 121 and House Bill 16.

These bills are integral for the growth of the Salisbury-Wicomico Regional Airport (SBY Airport), and for its ability to remain competitive with the other airports in our region. The SBY Airport is the second largest airport in the State of Maryland. For decades, it is and has been a key driver of our economic success.

The burdensome taxes on materials, parts, and equipment for repair work that is done at the SBY Airport puts it at a competitive disadvantage. Repair business that is not subjected to taxes gets done, often, at other airports in our neighboring states, including the three that are closest to us: Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Hundreds of direct and indirect jobs are generated at the SBY Airport. The tax exemption these bills recommend would help secure those jobs in Maryland, and would allow the SBY Airport to more directly compete for repair work.

The Greater Salisbury Committee strongly supports this vital exemption, and urges the committee to give it a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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