

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE REGIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR URGING
CONGRESS TO NOT CHANGE THE REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER RULE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, Congress established the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) in 1986, and charged MWAA with operating, promoting, and protecting Reagan National and Dulles International together as primary airports serving the metropolitan Washington area, in addition to Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; and

WHEREAS, as Congress prepares to begin work on the 2017 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation, a bipartisan coalition of 15 regional members of Congress urged their colleagues not to further overburden operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport by adding more flight traffic; and

WHEREAS, the delegation notes that maintaining current rules will allow Dulles and BWI to continue to grow and serve long-haul destinations, while also not subjecting space-constrained National Airport to additional traffic that could overwhelm parking and baggage facilities and have negative impacts on neighboring communities.

WHEREAS, the region's leaders are unified in their desire to maintain operational stability to help achieve balance so that the broader interests of the region will continue to be served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The board commends the regional delegation for representing the interests of the COG Board of Directors and for jointly urging Congress to make no changes to the Reagan National Airport Perimeter Rule in the 2017 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 26, 2017.

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