

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

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO NOT CHANGE THE SLOTS AND PERIMETER RULES AT
RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA)**

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, COG as the leading convener of residents in the metropolitan Washington region, has continued to show long-standing support of a balanced three-airport system to maintain operational stability and safety for the region; 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 (Dulles) together as primary airports serving the metropolitan Washington area, in addition to Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI); and

WHEREAS, the COG Board passed Resolutions R37-2015 and R18-2017 urging Congress to make no changes to the DCA Slots and Perimeter Rule; and

WHEREAS, maintaining current rules will protect the safety of individuals using DCA, the overburdened air traffic controllers, in addition to avoiding additional stress on DCA's runway and facilities including roadways, parking, and baggage; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board remains unified in their desire to maintain the current slots and perimeter rules at DCA, allowing Dulles and BWI to continue to grow and serve long-haul destinations; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board commends U.S. Senators Cardin, Kaine, Van Hollen and Warner for representing the interests of our region and jointly urging Congress to not increase the slots and perimeter rules at DCA.

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

The board urges Congress to make no changes to the slots and perimeter rules at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and continues to support a balanced three-airport system to maintain operational stability and safety for the metropolitan Washington region.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved by the COG Board of Directors on February 14, 2024.

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