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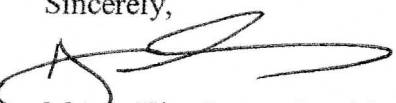
The Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. is writing this letter of support for the reopening of the Columbia Air Center in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Our membership represents eight municipalities throughout the state and we are glad to stand in favor of this very meaningful project.

From a historical viewpoint, we are especially proud that the project focuses on the preservation of African American history through the reopening of the first black owned and operated licensed general aviation airport in the country. Further, we were also thrilled to learn that the project will serve as a museum to honor aviation history. This is a key component of overall American aviation history that must be coveted.

We recognizing that this endeavor would require no local, state or federal monies to execute, but will require its share of legislative, land acquisition, legal, fiscal and fundraising coordination to accomplish your mission. Our organization stands ready to assist you in any way we can.

We wish you much success in your desire to realize this worthwhile legacy project of establishing a viable, self-sustaining memorial to the aviation spirit!

Sincerely,



Mayor Kito James, President
Maryland Black Mayors, Inc.