

Re: HB0639: Transportation — Aviation — Passenger Health and Safety
(Aviation Health and Safety Act)

Honorable members of the Maryland General Assembly Environment and
Transportation Committee,

My name is Rhys Frazier and I am a resident of Sabillasville, Maryland. I am
writing to you in support of HB0639: Transportation — Aviation — Passenger
Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act).

This critical piece of legislation helps to address FAA safety violations and other
legal violations being committed on ICE deportation flights. Collecting medical
information from detained people in case of emergencies, banning restraints
that could lead to injury or death in case of aircraft failure, requiring the contact
information of legal guardians and attorneys, and requiring proof that ICE
agents have a valid governmental authorization are all bare minimum
requirements for the safe and humane transport of human beings. These
requirements are not being met at this time, and people who are harmed in
transit or wrongly deported have few to no options for legal recourse. The
proposed bill would help prevent harm by explicitly requiring safety and legal
requirements be met before the flight can even take off.

I urge the committee to vote in favor of HB0639: Transportation — Aviation —
Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act), in the name of
basic human decency.

Sincerely,

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