

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB639 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

Environment and Transportation Committee

February 19, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, Members of the Committee,

I, Cynthia Sokolow, offer favorable testimony in support of **HB639 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**.

Restraining people while flying detainees is a concern. The FAA standards mandate that aircraft with more than 44 seats must be capable of a full emergency evacuation within 90 seconds. Individuals who are restrained may not be capable of swiftly and safely evacuating. Flight attendants, responsible for all travelers' safety are putting passengers and crew at risk.

I urge the Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a **favorable report on HB 639**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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