

My name is Lisa Siano. I live in Columbia, MD (21044). I am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of HB 639 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

Maryland must ensure that flights passing through and refueling in the state are operated in a manner that ensures the health and safety of passengers and crew. Furthermore, Maryland must be prepared to be able to respond to any medical emergency that may occur on any of these flights. The FAA has the authority over many aspects of air travel through Maryland airports. However, Maryland has authority over fixed base operators and aviation service companies, which are the airport based companies who provide the refueling. The requirements of this bill can be implemented through that authority.

I urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 639