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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0639 - Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

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TO: Chair Marc Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Andrew Lewis

Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, my name is Andrew, I live in Odenton, Maryland, and I am writing to support HB0639, the Aviation Health and Safety Act.

If enacted, this act would ensure a number of measures committed to transparency and the importance of human safety. Requiring collected records about who is on board and where they are being sent is standard passenger documentation, and should be even more important when transporting ANYONE against their will, yet this behavior is something the current administration's DOJ has been negligent about. There should be a paper trail for any detainee being transported in any form. When the Government, be it County, Federal, or State, takes a person into custody, they take on the responsibility for that person's well being. Being unable to locate, or hiding information on the whereabouts of detainees is a horrible shirking of that duty.

I urge you to support HB0639 and help ensure that all flights out of Maryland maintain the dignity and safety of anyone on board a flight out, while keeping meaningful records about where those on board are headed.