

HB639:
Transportation – Aviation – Passenger Health and Safety
(Aviation Health and Safety Act)
House Environment and Transportation
February 19, 2026
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eileen Zeller. I live in Clarksville, MD (District 9A).

I support HB639 because Maryland must ensure that any flight passing through or refueling in the state operates in a way that protects the health and safety of passengers and crew, and that the state is prepared to respond to medical emergencies on those flights.

While the Federal Aviation Administration has authority over many aspects of air travel at Maryland airports, the state retains authority over fixed base operators and other airport-based aviation service companies that provide refueling. The requirements of this bill can be implemented through that authority.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on HB639.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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