

## **Testimony on House Bill – Favorable HB0639 – Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**

Dear members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Carolyn Matthews, and I am a resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB 0639 – Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety**.

As the federal government is not adequately protecting the safety and rights of all people, the State of Maryland must step up to do so wherever we have the authority. **HB 0639** is one of the many bills before the legislature that will establish protections for all people, regardless of citizenship status.

I support **HB 0639** because there can be no confusion about the safety rules for detained persons on flights. Transgressions such as refueling airplanes with detainees on board, lack of documentation about detainee health records, and lack of information about the guardians of any minors on board are short cuts that endanger the people on these flights.

In addition, Maryland should ensure that airlines who transport detainees from our airports will only do so if the legal warrant or court order has been established.

I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB 0639**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

