

Testimony on House Bill 639 – Favorable
HB0639, Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety
Act), House Environment and Transportation Committee
February 17, 2026

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Michelle Koul, and I am a constituent of District 31. I am writing **in support of HB0639, Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**.

I am horrified to watch how immigrants' rights are being pushed aside in the name of politics and fear. With the heartless behavior at the federal level, Maryland needs to step in to ensure the health and safety of passengers and crew. This bill will keep those caught up in this federal out-of-control deportation fiasco safe while being transported. Maryland needs to use its authority over fixed base operators and aviation refueling service companies to implement the requirements of this bill.

The fact that they are losing children is appalling. Documenting minors in case they need medical care is the bare minimum we can do. We can no longer trust that our federal government will do the right thing – Maryland has to step up.

Please issue a **favorable report on HB639**.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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