

Dear Environment and Transportation Committee Members,

My name is Philip Ateto and I am a lifelong Marylander, currently residing in Annapolis, in Anne Arundel County. I am writing in support of HB0639- The Aviation Health and Safety Act.

I support this bill because of the inhumane way our government has been treating immigrants that are being deported, which is only a civil offense.

This legislation will ensure that any detainees aboard an aircraft are treated humanely, and in a way that keeps both them, and those on the plane safe.

A society is measured not by the wealthiest and most privileged, but how it treats the least amongst us, and we are failing miserably on many fronts. This bill is potentially a small step for us to regain our humanity in this country.