

# **Testimony on SB505 - Favorable**

Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety  
(Aviation Health and Safety Act)

Senate Finance Committee

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Dear Chair Beidle, Vice-Chair Hayes, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing a favorable testimony in support of SB505 on behalf of the Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America, as our chair of our Trans Rights and Bodily Autonomy Working Group and our Sanctuary Maryland campaign.

We've recently seen flight attendants bring attention to the danger that people trafficked on detention flights are put into. Kept in shackles. Without necessary healthcare information, medication, or care providers. Children without guardians. Law enforcement officers trafficking them as they see fit, no real oversight by the entity responsible for our airports, the Maryland state government.

Marylanders have passed numerous reforms to improve the health and safety conditions and restrain the violent enabling of law enforcement. While there are many areas that could use improvement, I believe that if most Marylanders knew the risk, discomfort and duress that prisoners are put into in the process of being transported, most especially by plane when they are the only passengers denied the freedom of mobility necessary to respond to emergencies, I think most Marylanders would oppose the current lack of regulation. The public airports of the State of Maryland should uphold Maryland values of basic human rights. I urge you to vote to give the Aviation Health and Safety Act a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.