

**SB0505- SUPPORT**  
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## **SB0505—Transportation-Aviation-Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**

Senate Finance Committee  
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Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hays, and Members of the Committee

My name is William Mascioli and I have lived in Silver Spring for 40 years. I strongly urge a favorable report on SB0505, the Aviation Health and Safety Act.

As we all know, since early 2025 there has been a huge increase in flights carrying detained persons. Reports about the conditions on board are alarming. Among other things, planes have been refueled while detainees in restraints were on board. This is obviously extremely dangerous, as safe evacuation of the plane in such circumstances would be impossible.

This is just one reason that we need the Aviation Health and Safety Act. It would require that every person being transported have medical forms indicating allergies or other medical conditions and any medications being taken. Detained minors must be documented, with information about their guardians. Finally, and significantly, the Act prohibits refueling while any person on board is in restraints.

It is all too clear these days that many people are being improperly detained, but even where detentions are entirely proper, there is no excuse for disregarding the safety of the detainees.

Accordingly, I urge a favorable report on SB0505, and thank you for your consideration.