

Dear Honorable Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hays, Members of the Committee

Jodi Beder offers favorable testimony in support of **SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**

I have been a resident of Maryland since 2003 (District 47A, represented by Senator Augustine and Delegates Fennell and Ivey), a book editor, musician, and concerned citizen for my entire adult life. I vote in every election.

As a taxpayer and a citizen, I feel that everything the state does, it does in my name. This includes everything the state chooses to regulate, or chooses to ignore.

The safety conditions on airplanes that have been purposed or repurposed to transport incarcerated people, especially recently in the case of people swept as “illegals,” violates the Eighth Amendment, and is inhumane and immoral. Our legislature has the power and obligation to take a stand to keep this from happening within our state. I applaud Senators Lam and Feldman for their sponsorship of this bill.

I urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue **a favorable report on S B505.**

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