

Testimony on Senate Bill SB0505 — **Favorable**

SB0505 — Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

February 16, 2026

To Honorable Chair Beidle and Vice Chair Hayes and Committee Members

From Jeremy Gottwig

My name is Jeremy Gottwig of District 12A. I am a parent, a union member, a Howard County resident, and I believe that all restrained people on board flights leaving Maryland (and everywhere else) should be treated humanely. We have heard horrifying reports of mistreatment of innocent migrants on deportation flights by DHS, and I appreciate Maryland's efforts in countering these atrocities. To be frank, I can't conceive of a reason not to vote for this legislation.

Therefore, I respectfully urge passage of this legislation (SB0505).

Support human rights by default.

And I would like to offer special thanks to my Senator, Senator Lam, for sponsoring this legislation.