

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

I offer favorable testimony in support of SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act).

My name is Sarah and I live in Baltimore County. I am very favorable to this proposed bill.

This legislation establishes the basic safety and medical standards necessary when transporting large groups of detained people. By requiring documented medical forms, allergy information, and medication lists, SB 505 ensures that aviation service companies can respond to emergencies and protect the well-being of those in their care. Furthermore, it provides essential protections for minors by ensuring they are documented and linked to their guardians.

Aviation companies must be held accountable for the safety of every passenger. Beyond physical safety, the mandatory collection of individual medical records ensures that transport providers acknowledge the specific health needs of every passenger. By replacing bulk processing with individualized documentation, this bill forces personnel to engage with the humanity of those in their care, fostering a culture of accountability and more humane treatment.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable report on SB505.

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