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TESTIMONY ON SB0505 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Full Bill Name: Transportation-Aviation-Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

TO: Chair Sen. Pamela Beidle; Vice Chair, Sen. Antonio Hayes; and Members of the Finance Committee

FROM: Julie Robin Solomon

My name is Julie Robin Solomon. I am a resident of District 46. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0505, Transportation-Aviation-Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)

I have resided in Baltimore City for 39 years. I belong to the ACLU and Indivisible Baltimore. I strongly urge the Committee to pass SB#0505 to protect the safety of our immigrant families who are being transported by air. We need to remain humane and safety-conscious in Maryland and not allow flights from our airports to fly without adequate safety measures in place for all passengers. We must protect our immigrant families from the inhumane deprivations of ICE Flights.

I depend daily on our immigrant community, which every day provides vital services in our hospitals, nursing homes, schools, stores, government offices, and construction sites. As the grandchild of immigrants, I know that our country, state and nation have been erected on the backs of their hard work. It is essential that we protect them and keep our communities whole. After the dreadful murder of Rene Good and Alex Petrie in Minneapolis, we all know that each and every one of us is endangered by poorly trained, lawless ICE and Border Patrol actions. Flights that don't meet safety standards are just another example of this inhumanity.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB#0505. Thank you for all your hard work to protect us at this treacherous moment in our country's history.