

Written Testimony

Bill: **SB0505**

Position: **FAV**

February 16, 2026

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

As a concerned Maryland citizen, I am in favor of SB0505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act) and I urge your support.

This bill promotes the health of passengers aboard flights passing through and refueling in Maryland. By providing detained passengers with a form to voluntarily report medical information ahead of time, this bill enables Maryland first responders and hospital workers to do their jobs better in case of health emergencies.

This bill also promotes basic dignity for passengers in restraints by requiring that they be in a climate-controlled environment with access to restrooms and water if and when their plane is being refueled in Maryland.

These provisions make flights through Maryland safer for everyone involved and promote the humane treatment of passengers in restraints.

I urge the Senate Finance Committee to issue a favorable report on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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