

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

My name is Kaelin Delaney and I am a Maryland resident and homeowner. I am offering favorable testimony in support of **SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**.

There is an increase in the number of flights carrying incarcerated people from and through the state of Maryland right now. This bill would make sure they are treated humanely and can be addressed appropriately in the case of a crisis—whether that is a medical emergency or a problem on the flight. It would require appropriate medical and other forms for all incarcerated people on flights, including the many minors who are now being transported without their guardians through Maryland airports.

While I am grateful I have never been in a position where I have been incarcerated for a long period, I have spoken to many people who have. It is an extremely difficult process, and can be very scary if you are transported across state lines in unsafe conditions. If a passenger is physically restrained, in the event of an emergency on the plane they would need to rely on the kindness and awareness of others to take care of their needs. If there isn't appropriate paperwork in place, flight staff might not even be aware of the situations, medical conditions, and potential support their passengers might need.

This is of particular concern right now, because many people in our country are being transported on planes in direct violation of judicial orders or without judicial approval and moved into detention centers in states far from their families. There is currently not enough legislation preventing these types of things, and not only does it cause harm to families, it is opening up both private companies and many states to potential lawsuits and other harm. This bill would go a long way towards addressing some of these issues, even if it wouldn't prevent them altogether.

For these reasons, I urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report on **SB505**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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