

**Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable  
SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and  
Safety Act)**

**Finance Committee**

**February 18, 2026**

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

Favorable testimony in support of **SB505 Transportation - Aviation - Passenger Health and Safety (Aviation Health and Safety Act)**

My name is Mary Cullen and I live in Baltimore City I am very favorable to this proposed bill. Any detainee flight that lands in Maryland must take measures to make sure the passengers are safe. This should include:

- de-boarding during re-fueling
- securing documentation about the medical conditions of each person on board in the event of a crisis
- requiring documentation for any minors on board
- requiring attorney information for any passenger transported in shackles.

This is why we need the Aviation Health and Safety Act – where everyone who is transported must have medical forms indicating allergies or medical conditions, as well as what medications each are taking. Minors must be documented, with information about their guardians if they are unaccompanied. These are basic requirements when overseeing the transportation for a large group of people, the fixed based operator or aviation service company are, in effect, responsible for the wellbeing of all detainees on board, and need to prove they take this responsibility seriously.

This is why I urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue **a favorable report on SB505**

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