
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 31, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress and relevant Federal agencies
2 to review and strengthen the regulations and procedures
3 governing flights transporting large numbers of undocumented
4 immigrants, ensuring that the review prioritizes the safety,
5 dignity and rights of all individuals involved, including the
6 host communities of aviation facilities, while also
7 addressing national security and effective immigration
8 enforcement needs.

9 WHEREAS, "Ghost flights" refer to untracked and unmonitored
10 flights carrying undocumented immigrants into the United States
11 to circumvent and abuse immigration law; and

12 WHEREAS, The use of ghost flights for illegal immigration
13 undermines the hard work and dedication of immigrants who enter
14 the United States legally; and

15 WHEREAS, The nature of these flights poses significant
16 challenges to Federal and local agencies in enforcing
17 immigration policy; and

18 WHEREAS, Ghost flights pose a significant challenge not only
19 to the enforcement of immigration laws and the protection of the
20 border but also present potential risks to public safety and
21 national security; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge our Federal counterparts,
3 including the United States Congress and relevant Federal
4 agencies, to review and strengthen the regulations and
5 procedures governing flights transporting large numbers of
6 undocumented immigrants, ensuring that the review prioritizes
7 the safety, dignity and rights of all individuals involved,
8 including the host communities of aviation facilities, while
9 also addressing national security and effective immigration
10 enforcement needs; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Federal officials to
13 collaborate with state and local authorities, as well as
14 relevant nongovernmental organizations, to ensure that these
15 regulations and procedures are effectively implemented and any
16 issues are promptly addressed; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the President of the United States, the United States Secretary
19 of Homeland Security, the United States Attorney General, the
20 United States Secretary of Transportation, the presiding
21 officers of each house of Congress and to each member of
22 Congress from Pennsylvania.