

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 18, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 8608 or S. 4478, both known as the Secure Airports From Enemies ("SAFE") Act, or similar legislation amending Title 49, United States Code, to prohibit access by certain individuals to certain areas of airports

Resolution No. R-555-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-18-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-555-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PASS H.R. 8608 OR S. 4478, BOTH KNOWN AS THE
SECURE AIRPORTS FROM ENEMIES (“SAFE”) ACT, OR
SIMILAR LEGISLATION AMENDING TITLE 49, UNITED
STATES CODE, TO PROHIBIT ACCESS BY CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF AIRPORTS

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2024, the United States Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) provided five Cuban government officials with a tour of a security checkpoint and a baggage screening area at Miami International Airport over the course of five hours; and

WHEREAS, the TSA conducted the visit without prior communication to Miami-Dade County officials; and

WHEREAS, Cuba is one of four countries on the United States Department of State’s State Sponsors of Terrorism list; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, H.R. 8608, sponsored by Congressman Carlos Gimenez, was introduced to the United States House of Representatives and referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, S. 4478, companion legislation sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio, was introduced to the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 8608 and S. 4478, both entitled the “Secure Airports From Enemies Act” (“SAFE” Act) would prohibit the Administrator of the TSA from permitting any access to (1) the secured area of an airport; (2) the Security Identification Display Area of an airport; (3) the sterile area of an airport; and (4) the air cargo area of an airport to any individual who is a

representative of or acting on behalf of a country with a government that the Secretary of State determines, or has determined at any time in the immediately preceding three years, has repeatedly provided support for international terrorism pursuant to enumerated sections of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 8608 is cosponsored by Representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Mario Diaz-Balart, Maria Elvira Salazar, and Jared Moskowitz; and

WHEREAS, S. 4478 is cosponsored by Senator Rick Scott; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the United States Congress to pass H.R. 8608, S. 4478, or similar legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to pass H.R. 8608 or S. 4478, both known as the Secure Airports from Enemies (“SAFE”) Act, or similar legislation amending Title 49, United States Code, to prohibit access by certain individuals to certain areas of airports.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Marco Rubio, Representative Carlos Gimenez, and the remaining Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of June, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jose I. Ortega