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To whom it may concern:

After reading about the proposed FAA guidelines that would enact profiling and searches, I am reminded of high school "random" locker searches. This doesn't really do anything in the high schools, but does a very good job of making the students resent the administration. This is precisely what CAPS will do. People do not want to be inconvenienced by having their suitcases rummaged through. They are run through the screening devices in the airport already - many will ask if this is necessary. Personally, I would take offense at this breach of privacy, just like I would take offense at the breach of privacy if someone entered my house and checked for 'contraband' simply because I was randomly selected or I fit a certain stereotype. And that's all this is...a blatant stereotyping. Please don't let this ineffective and invasive measure be a requirement. Let it be up to the individual airlines... then the market can decide whether the people actually want this or not. Those airlines that enact CAPS will be boycotted by many, myself included, while the less invasive companies will receive increased business, even for higher prices. Thank you for your consideration.

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