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This email is to advise you that I oppose the adoption of the Proposed  
FAA Rule requiring airlines to institute Passenger Profiling/CAPS programs  
on their reservation systems in order to select for higher scrutiny  
passengers  
who fit the profiles.

My criticisms are as follows: 1) this rule is guaranteed to result in  
discriminatory  
searches based upon national origin, destination and no doubt, ultimately  
in  
religious and racial discrimination too. 2) this rule is an invasion of  
privacy  
suffered only by those who will fit the profile, said profile not disclosed  
to the  
public--therefore there is no basis for understanding what composes the  
profile or  
how it discriminates. 3) the inclusion of randomly selected passengers is  
placing  
a burden on passengers who don't warrant it and provides "window dressing"  
for  
a system that is inherently discriminatory and most likely discriminatory  
which in most  
other contexts would be out and out illegal. 4) the profiling system will  
financially  
burden airlines, by FAA admission may put some small lines out of business,  
when  
virtual airline monopolies are already being created and will ultimately  
aid to drive  
up the cost of air travel for the consumer. 5) Safety as a result of this  
system is probably illusory. 6) This is unamerican--it further invades  
and erodes  
the right to freedom of movement and the right to privacy. 7) The rule as  
written  
does not include the recommended protections--why is that?

Al Gore may talk privacy, but since he is behind this profiling system, its  
clear his  
rhetoric doesn't match his actions. He can expect even lower poll ratings  
as result of  
this. I'm personally going to make sure his name is attached to this rule.

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