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I read about the passenger profiling system in Wired and felt compelled to write. This plan is a poorly thought out mistake. The costs are certain to outweigh any potential benefits as terrorists are unlikely to be deterred. The privacy violations and almost certain race discrimination are also troubling aspects. I am also concerned about the impact of the plan on smaller airlines. It seems like just another piece of government nonsense designed to keep the big airlines in the driver's seat. This stopgap measure is designed not to help consumers or passengers but simply to make politicians look better by seeming to do something about vague, nebulous, and unmaterialized fears. I strongly urge you to prevent this misguided idea from being implemented.



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