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**Subject:** Do not implement this unamerican program.

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Dear FAA,

I find the the CAPS profiling databases to be offensive and un-American. The TWA flight 800 incident was one of the motivating factors for the creation of this program and the investigation concluded that terrorism was not involved! Universal, automated luggage screening is the only fair way to ensure people's safety. You should use dogs, rather than the multi-million dollar machines currently under development. Dogs cost much less, can move around the luggage (as opposed to creating huge bottlenecks when you have to funnel all the luggage through a machine), create employment for their handlers, don't break down as much, and are more accurate! Further, hardened luggage compartments would greatly reduce the possible damage caused by a bomb at a much lower cost.

As Americans we must resist the temptation to trade our civil rights, privacy and freedom for security. For if we do, we have stopped being Americans and become exactly what we oppose in other countries in the world.

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