

I am writing on behalf of a women who I know that lost her dear, healthy, young husband to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. I would like to URGE the FAA to make a mandatory law that requires all commercial airlines to carry AED's (automatic external defibrillator). Thousands of lives would be saved if this extra devise were on board airplanes. In my mind there is no reason that this should go on any longer. IT SHOULD BE MANDATORY. Please, I urge you for the sake of those that have lost loved ones simply due to the fact that a single devise was not available. Without AED's, a person has 5% chance of living. With AED's, a person has 90% chance of living.

I agree with President Clinton and the FAA that AEDs should be mandatory. 250,000 Americans suffer from sudden cardiac arrest each year, according to the American Heart Association. About 5 percent survive. CPR can buy time, but cannot restart a heart. Defibrillators, however, can jolt a heart into beating again.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I urge you to repond and take action!!! It is only a matter of procedure and together we can save lives.

Sincerely,

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