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Re: Docket FAA-2001-10999 - 29

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am responding to the proposed rulemaking for fingerprinting all airline and airport employees. This is an unfair invasion of privacy hurting innocent persons and really doesn't solve the issue it's designed to correct.

You preface the document with a description of the terrorist events of Sept 11, 2001. I don't see how a criminal background check could have precluded the terrorists getting aboard the airplanes and proceeding with their plans of destruction. None of the terrorists had any criminal records themselves! What you need to do is nationality check—those of us who already have passports or have been American citizens all our lives need not be subjected to such humiliation as getting fingerprinted. At minimum, a time frame should be set: all those who have had a US Passport for at least 10 years need not be fingerprinted. It's preposterous to believe a terrorist plan was begun any more than 5 years ago wherein agents have been planted amongst us waiting to perpetrate a crime.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Pilot, Continental Airlines