

I strongly favor this exemption allowing one Flight Attendant to step off the aircraft during boarding, deplaning and when passengers are onboard in order to use the jetway phone to contact company personnel regarding safety or customer service matters. The F/A is still close enough to function in a safety capacity in the event of an emergency, and providing access to a phone when the F/D is not present is an important safety enhancement. I don't believe this exemption will present a safety or security risk and it will enhance the F/A's ability to deal with onboard issues in a much more efficient manner.