

I support this proposed exemption. Allowing a F/A to step off the A/C to use the jetbridge phone would not only increase efficiency and communication during the boarding process, but would enhance safety by giving the F/A the ability to communicate passenger disruption or medical emergency situations to agents at the gate in a timely fashion. The F/A would be close enough to the boarding door to monitor the status of the flight and be available to expedite an evacuation, if necessary. Our current option of contacting the Captain while s/he is running pre-flight checklists has the potential to take away from the safety of the flight.