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Administrator Marion Blakey  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Room Plaza 401400 Seventh Street, SW.,  
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Subject: Docket Number: FAA-2004-18596-369

Dear Administrator Blakey:

I urge you to finalize the proposed rule to permit the use of certain portable oxygen concentrator devices on aircraft.

Over one million Americans have medical conditions that require the use of supplemental oxygen to engage in activities of daily living. With appropriate supplemental oxygen, patients can lead full, productive lives. Many patients enjoy all the travel and leisure activities - except airline travel.

This proposed rule is a step in the right direction to help passengers that require supplemental oxygen travel easier. However the proposed rule should be strengthened by having the FAA require all airlines to permit the use of FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrators. Please ensure the final rule requires FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrators be allowed on board all civilian air travel.

A year and a half ago, I had to be on oxygen most of the time. I was lucky in that I could manage without it for a time, but it meant using wheelchairs or other means of getting about in airports and made catching planes with minimum times between flights pretty nerve-wracking. It also meant arranging to have oxygen waiting for me at the end of a flight. I was lucky; I could still fly. Others aren't so lucky and I urge you to pass the rule allowing oxygen concentrators on flights. This will allow many people a chance to see family and friends. For the sake of grandparents and grandchildren everywhere, please make this happen!

Sincerely,

Jean Rommes