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Administrator Marion Blakey
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room Plaza 401400 Seventh Street, SW.,
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Subject: Docket Number: FAA-2004-18596-390

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.

My Mother has to go without her supplemental oxygen when she traveled to California last year. This was very hard on her and it didn't need to happen. She should have been allowed to take her portable oxygen with her.

Please finalize the rules and allow her and others like her to travel again.

Sincerely,

Ann Smedley