

I am a Canadian Citizen with a Permanent Resident status. To acquire this status, I went through an arduous 3 years of tortuous legal proceedings, medical exams, immunizations, numerous fingerprinting and photography sessions. After acquiring several written character references, completing uncountable personal history forms, and expending a considerable sum, I was finally awarded the coveted "Green Card" by INS with an assurance that this status afforded me the same rights as a US Citizen. Last year, at 48, I decided to pursue a life long dream of learning to fly. So imagine my dismay to find out about this proposed rule.

In my opinion, in many cases, people with visas have been subjected to more investigations and scrutiny than the average citizen, especially those with Permanent Resident Status. Doesn't this mean that some, if not all the information requested by TSA would already be on file for most documented aliens at INS? And if that information is insufficient, the responsibility should fall on the individuals to supply the missing data (and only the missing data). The flight schools certainly do not need the extra burden of this type of record collecting and record keeping, which can only lead to increases in training costs. Besides, I was under the impression that one of the main goals of the Homeland Security Department was to facilitate the sharing of information among various government agencies, thus avoiding the type of duplicate effort this rule is proposing.