

As a Global Travel Director responsible for operational programs for 11,000+ US based travelers and as a semi-frequent traveler myself, I am all for Secure Flight programs and CAPPs II extensions. From a privacy aspect, I have no concern that would override the program objective to provide an enhanced, more secure transportation system in America. While I certainly understand the civil liberty groups' right to privacy concerns; today's post 9/11 environment requires measures heretofore unpredictable during the creation and writing of civil liberty parameters. As such, you might wish to consider the following to address privacy violation concerns. 1) Limit objections to individuals only. 2) Reject group representation and conciliatory objections without individual merit. 3) Sample one year's past data and pre-notify passengers who must submit additional information to be cleared of suspicion or erroneous data elements for future travel. (Make replies available on-line). 4) Create a system similar to, but more sophisticated than INS-PASS enabling pre-registration (fingerprint or retina scan etc..) with unique identifiers that can be extended to hotel check-in, car rental, bank account systems. Eventually, without such pre-authorization, it would be impossible to purchase travel in the United States. Thank You,
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