

As an American who lives abroad, I am very concerned about the erosion of privacy and civil liberties in my homeland. While I do value safe travel, I think that it is equally important to protect the rights of citizen to move freely about the country and the world without fear of being watched, followed, profiled, or blacklisted.

The TSA should not be allowed to obtain flight records without the express written consent of the traveller. I would not be satisfied with an implicit consent by purchasing a ticket or being issued a boarding pass with a legal disclaimer and waiver printed on it, only a handwritten letter of consent that ensures the traveller is aware of the information he or she is providing is acceptable.

Please take the privacy concerns of honest citizens into consideration when you make your plans to foil terrorism. Otherwise you risk terrorizing your own people by intimidating them into not traveling.