

March 25, 2010

Dear President Obama,

We represent a wide range of air travel, educational, civil liberties, human rights, religious and taxpayer rights organizations from across the country.

We are writing to ask you to suspend the further deployment of body scanners in US airports.

In addition to the privacy and health concerns that have been raised, we are becoming increasingly aware of growing doubts *about the effectiveness and safety of the devices* as well as the very real offense to deeply held religious views. Many religious leaders have spoken recently in opposition to body scanners. We join them in urging you to suspend this program.

We further believe that the full body scanners are contributing to a negative perception of the United States and reducing the number of foreign visitors who will travel to the US.

If the program is suspended, there is the very real possibility of saving taxpayers over \$400 million this year and much more in the years ahead.

We support a proposal to undertake a comprehensive study to evaluate the effectiveness, health risks, and privacy impacts of the devices. We also ask you to consider the importance of sincerely held religious opposition to the digital undressing of air travelers by TSA officials, as well as the economic impact on the US tourism industry.

Sincerely,

American Civil Liberties Union

Bill of Rights Defense Committee

Center for Financial Privacy and Human Rights

Council on American-Islamic Relations

Consumer Federation of America

Consumer Travel Alliance

Doctor-Patient Medical Association

DownsizeDC.org

Electronic Privacy Information Center

Essential Information

Government Accountability Project

Identity Project

Liberty Coalition

Muslim Legal Fund of America

National Center for Transgender Equality

National Workrights Institute

Privacy Activism.

Privacy International

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Rutherford Institute

The Multiracial Activist

U.S. Bill of Rights Foundation

World Privacy Forum

Individual Privacy, Law, and Civil Liberties Experts

Grayson Barber

Bob Barr, Former Congressman

David Flaherty, Former Privacy Commissioner British Columbia

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