

Dear Charmain Powell,

As a flight attendant with America West Airlines for 19 years I am adamately opposed to the use of cell phones during flight. Airlines have already allowed use of cell phones almost immediately after exiting the active runway. We have already lost the attention of the majority of passengers on board and taxi time is considered one of our critical phases of flight.

While I realize the FCC isn't responsible for the safety measures that the FAA is charged with I encourage you to reverse your Notice of Proposed Rule Making decision regarding relaxing useage onboard the aircraft.

Our Union (The Association of Flight Attendants AFA-CWA) has already sighted that a comprehensive technical study on this subject is due to be completed by the end of 2006 as to whether or not cell phone usage during flight interfears with navigation equipment nboard our aircraft. Please wait until these studies have been completed to determine the safeness of cell phone usage onboard our aircraft during flight.

I live and work onboard an aircraft and wish to be able to assure my familiy that I am working in as safe as an environment as poossible.

Sincerely,

Nicki Kirkeby

19 Year Flight Attendant for America West Airlines