

proceeding number 13-301

I oppose the FCC permitting the use of cell phones for voice calling in the passenger seating area of aircraft. I believe this would be a safety hazard as many passengers are already very uncomfortable and in distress over the close quarters with strangers and some may become highly agitated or even violent if they sensed another being discourteous with cell phone use. It is already apparent to frequent fliers that many people pay little attention to the current rules regarding cell phone use on planes, beginning conversations before the plane is at the gate, etc. We also see much disregard for other rules concerning such things as size & quantity of carry on luggage. Since there is so little courtesy observed with cell phones in particular in the general public arena, I believe there would be no way to expect the minimum of courtesy aboard a plane. I can only suggest that if phones were to be used at all aboard the plane, it might be in some restricted area such as the galley. The rest rooms, however, would present a different problem should some one hole up in one to carry on a conversation in private thereby denying the use of the rest room to other passengers in need.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely ,

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