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RE: Public comment: cell phone
use on commercial aviation

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Dear FCC Commissioners,

We are deeply concerned about the prospect of allowing cell phone use on flights. Our reasons are detailed below:

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1. Phone Rage - Use of cell phones creates noise pollution, distraction and annoyance for non users that could result in phone rage and ensuing violence among passengers. That is clerly a safety and security threat.
2. Activities impacted by cell phone use - Most passengers use flight time to complete required work, to rest or sleep, to read, or to interact with children, traveling companions, family or colleagues. Having a cell user beside you, or worse, on both sides of you would make those other important activities difficult or impossible.
3. Sleep Deprivation - Given today's longer domestic flights or much longer international ones, it is important that passengers are able to sleep so that they can arrive at their destinations alert and able to function. Widespread cell phone chatter would make sleep, almost impossible.
4. Emergency muteness - Given the ambient noise generated by the aircraft itself, cell users would need to shout or talk very loudly to be heard. In the event of an emergency, passengers would be unable to hear critical instructions given to them verbally by the crew or pilot, thus risking passenger safety or even lives.
5. Convenience for cell folks - Cell users are able to communicate with the "outside world" in a noiseless way by using their computers or I-Pads. Moreover, they are able to call on their phones immediately after landing so they are not inconvenienced .

Please do not allow risky and needless cell phone use to become the norm. Thank you for this opportunity to express these serious concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Sirs,

I am dismayed to read reports from the Associated Press that the FCC is considering allowing cell-phone use in airplanes. It was a major improvement in travel comfort when air pollution (cigarettes) was banned, and now the FCC wants to promote ear pollution!? Since Mr. Wheeler, the new director of the FCC, is a former lobbyist for the cellular telephone industry, this recommendation seems to be, if not unethical, at least a conflict of interest. The profit motive is clearly shown in the enthusiastic response by the Telecommunications Industry and the Consumer Electronics Association. Grant Seiffert, president of the telecommunications group, said his members "see airline passengers as a new market opportunity", but in recognition of the fact that many passengers "may find phone conversations socially undesirable", the association would be willing to promote "telephone etiquette on planes". Good luck in that endeavor! Cell-phone etiquette is in short supply in all areas of social interaction, and in an airplane there would be no escape from the constant chatter. The Association of Flight Attendants is correct in opposing such use, which will lead to even further tension in an already stressful situation.

Mr. Wheeler says that the FCC only rules on the safety factor and that he personally is opposed to their use, but that is disingenuous. Already most airlines are equivocating about the matter. Only Delta has stated explicitly "that voice calls won't be allowed on its flights, even if the FCC allows it". Delta says years of feedback from customers show "the overwhelming sentiment" is to continue prohibiting calls. As a Delta frequent flyer I applaud them for this stance. I hope that common sense, and not dollars and cents, will prevail and that all airlines will follow Delta's example.

I ask you, as my representatives in Congress, to use whatever influence you have to keep this unneeded option from becoming a reality.

Respectfully,



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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

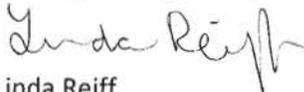
As someone who flies a lot for business and pleasure I am adamantly opposed to the use of cell phones by passengers on flights.

Each year there are more inconveniences to flying on the airlines but with the added annoyance of passengers talking on their phones through an entire flight could make it unbearable for many of us. Why can't we have simple peace and quiet? I also agree that this will be a tremendous burden to flight attendants who already have a miserable job dealing with passengers.

The only reason this is seriously being considered is lobbying by telecommunications companies so people use more of their minutes. It's all about money and not good public policy. Also it is not a good idea to let airlines decide this for themselves - they'll cave to pressure from the telecommunications lobby and K Street.

So please defeat this horrible idea.

Thank you very much,



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ago? Wasn't it a devout Muslim man" who killed 13 at Fort Hood ?

Please forward this important information to any who care about the future of our Country, and to those among us who have their heads in the sand.

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You sure you want cell Tel.
in use on planes?

Quote From Fresno Resident

We now live about 30 miles from Fresno. We are up in the Sierras and Fresno is the first big town we encounter when we leave the mountains.

We shop there often. I received this from my ex-homicide partner who is still active in LAW enforcement circles in the Fresno area.

Excuse the language, but don't excuse the facts.

Don't give up your guns, and buy necessary ammunition if you can find it. Be cautious and alert.

Be ready, if God forbid, we need to protect our families and loved ones.

If you were not at Rotary meeting on Friday, you missed the only decent speaker we have had in more than a year. LTC [REDACTED] is the 144th Fighter Wing's anti-terrorism officer. [REDACTED] had a two-part presentation. First part was describing his job as the unit's anti-terrorism officer. Pretty standard stuff.

The second part was information 'that will curl your hair.' A part-time Air Guardsman works as a checker at local [REDACTED]. Two women in full burkas buy every pre-paid cell phone in the store. Clerk/ Airman gets to thinking about it.

Goes to [REDACTED] and reports incident. [REDACTED] asks for surveillance video. It is scary enough that he contacts Fresno FBI.

FBI investigates and determines these woman have been doing this all over the Valley. Cell phones shipped through Canada to Iraq / Afghanistan where they become triggers for roadside bombs.

The Shell Station at [REDACTED]. Every time a local GI goes there in fatigues they are asked specific questions. What is you unit? When are you deploying? How many aircraft are you taking ?

The F-16 s out of Fresno fly CAP for West coast. As such, they are the first line of

defense so they have the US's most sophisticated air -to-air missiles. Foreign governments would like to get their hands on those missiles or at least learn how to build them. Also how many we have, etc. Two spy groups are working on it, one based at Fashion Fair Mall (the F-16s take off pattern) and one based at Sierra Vista Mall (the F 16's landing pattern).

██████████ said the rag-heads (but we don't profile) are always probing the base. Two dorks in a pick-up show up at the front gate wanting to deliver a package marked Air National Guard, Fresno ... No postage, no UPS, no FedEx, no DHL, no nothing. Just probe.

I asked ██████████ why we haven't seen anything about this in the BEE, on KMJ, on local TV news. He said they are not interested. Since Friday I've learned of two other things. My brother-in-law, Frank, (management at ██████████) had a Muslim tech who took a leave of absence for 6 weeks in Afghanistan.

After the 6 weeks were up he called from New York requesting an extension. Frank (who does profile) said, your fired, and called Fresno FBI who were very interested. Don't know the outcome.

A Muslim who owns a liquor store in my former hometown of Kingsburg was constantly bugging customers to buy guns for him. Finally one of the guys I grew up with, called the FBI.

WE ARE A COUNTRY AT WAR , AND THE ENEMY IS AMONG US.

I don't care what Janet Napolitano says, its a fight to the death and we should be as prepared as possible. Brother-in-law Frank has a theory, and I think it may be closer to the truth than Homeland Security wants to admit. See note below in red.

(red note) There are a certain number (probably a large number) of muslims living among us who are awaiting the trigger date and will begin randomly killing

as many of us as they can, sort of a Fort Hood on steroids. I know I am getting prepared to shoot back.

Two items of interest : Sheriff Margaret Mims wants to grant concealed carry permits to all who are qualified. Columnist Jim Boren, among the most bleeding heart liberals, says its time for Fresno residents to arm themselves. LOAD up,

you can bet this is happening in places other than Fresno. **David Rayburn**

I was asked to send this to everyone in my address book. Some of those I am sending it to WILL NOT forward it! To those I say, "Get your head out of the sand and look around with an open mind or before you know it we will no longer be living in the land of the free and the brave! We are under attack from a hidden enemy that is everywhere. They are a cancer that WILL attack us and KILL as many as they can to further the Islamic doctrine of Shira law. They behead, cut off limbs stone people to death, and worse. Beware, there is a holy war coming.

The signs are everywhere if you care to look and listen.

What do we expect from Homeland Security not wanting to admit anything since they are being run by devout Muslims in charge of Homeland Security Posts?

Well boys and girls, today the fox is guarding the hen house. The wolves will be herding the sheep!

Obama appointed two devout Muslims to homeland security posts. Obama and Janet Napolitano appointed Arif Alikhan, a devout Muslim, as assistant Secretary for Policy Development. DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano swore in Kareem Shora, a devout Muslim, who was born in Damascus, Syria as ADC National Executive Director as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC)

NOTE: Has anyone ever heard a new government official being identified as a "devout Catholic", or a "devout Jew" or a "devout Protestant" ...?

JUST WONDERING.

Devout Muslims have been appointed to CRITICAL Homeland Security positions? Doesn't this make our home land feel safer, huh!?

Wasn't it "devout Muslim men" who flew planes into U.S. Buildings a few years