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Comment: I am commenting on the use of cell phones on airplanes. I have been in the airline industry since 1971 for 5 different carriers.

The use of cell phones in-flight will cause major problems. People will start to fight about what is the appropriate volume of phone conversations. This happens sometimes now when we land and on taxi in people are talking on their phones. Also, it is already quite difficult to get passengers to listen to the exit row briefing right now! They are irritated that they have to get off the phone to listen to this important information. All of this adds to the stress of air travel.

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I would urge you NOT to let this happen!

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