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RE: CELL PHONES ON AIRLINES

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TO: THOSE REVIEWING PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING USE OF CELL PHONES ON AIRCRAFT

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THIS LETTER IS SENT IN RESPONSE TO THE 4-PAGE "CONSUMER GUIDE" MAILED TO ME BY THE FCC AFTER I CALLED HOPING TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING PUBLIC USE OF CELL PHONES ON USA AIRLINES.

THIS "GUIDE" WAS OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN BY A ROOM FULL OF LAWYERS, IT REQUIRES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ME TO INCLUDE THE DOCKET NUMBER OR RULEMAKING NUMBER FOR WHICH MY COMMENTS PERTAIN, BUT DOES NOT PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO ME.

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I CANNOT FILE COMMENTS ELECTRONICALLY BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A WORKING COMPUTER, THEREFORE CANNOT ACCESS ECFS EXPRESS. IT APPEARS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE FCC PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO MAKE IT CONVENIENT FOR THE FCC, AND DIFFICULT FOR THE PUBLIC, OR AT LEAST THOSE OF US WHO ARE ELDERLY AND DON'T LIVE IN FRONT OF A COMPUTER, SUCH AS REQUIRING HANDWRITTEN RESPONSES TO BE SENT WITH AN ORIGINAL, PLUS NINE COPIES FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE. AS INSTRUCTED, I'VE USED A PAPERCLIP TO HOLD THE WHOLE PACKAGE TOGETHER.

I OBSERVED THE FCC CHAIR ON NATIONAL TV NEWS IMPLY IN VERY DIRECT TERMS CELL PHONES WOULD BE ALLOWED. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS CONCISE:

DON'T ALLOW CELL PHONES ON ANY USA AIRLINE

OUR PUBLIC SPACES ARE BECOMING

CROWDED WITH LOUD, INCONSIDERATE, RUDE, AND OBNOXIOUS PEOPLE INTRUDING INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS, WHETHER LAWFULLY OR NOT. HOW MANY SELF-ABSORBED CELL PHONE USERS INJURE OR KILL OTHERS WHILE DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN IT IS NOT LEGAL TO DO SO? HOW MANY OF THE FLYING PUBLIC ALREADY SUFFER FROM ANXIETY DISORDERS FROM BEING IN A CONFINED SPACE SUCH AS AN AIRLINER? HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE OFFENDED BY SOME LOUDMOUTH JABBERING ON A CELL PHONE IN PUBLIC SPACES SUCH AS MOVIE THEATERS, CHECK-OUT LINES AT THE GROCERY STORE, OR SIMPLY BEING 18 INCHES FROM YOUR EAR DRUM?

I COMMEND DELTA AIRLINES FOR ALREADY ANNOUNCING THEY WILL NOT ALLOW CELL PHONES ON THEIR AIRCRAFT, AND ADMONISH THE FCC FOR ANNOUNCING THEIR INTENTION TO DO SO BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

THE AIRLINE PILOTS AND THE FLIGHT

ATTENDANTS UNION HAS ALREADY REGISTERED OBJECTIONS TO CELL PHONE USE IN THE CABIN OF A COMMERCIAL AIRLINER FOR SAFETY REASONS, AND ALSO FOR THE HORRID ENVIRONMENT FOR PASSENGERS IN AN ALREADY STRESSFUL RIDE IN A CONFINED SPACE.

AGAIN, DON'T ALLOW IT.

SINCERELY,

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