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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
\_\_\_\_\_ House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing to request your support and co-sponsorship on H.R. 3678, legislation that seeks to modify the authority of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) assistant secretary of homeland security to issue regulations and security directives using emergency procedures.

This legislation was introduced by Representatives John Mica, Thomas Petri, Vernon Ehlers, Sam Graves, and Allen Boyd in response to the TSA's issuance of Security Directive (SD) 1542-04-08G (SD-8G) in December 2008. SD-8G, issued to the directors of airports serving commercial air carriers, mandated changes to the issuance of airport identification media and expanded the base of individuals who would be required to obtain airport identifications. .

Federal regulations give the TSA power to issue SDs in response to threats against civil aviation. SDs prescribe specific procedural or policy changes designed to address the specific nature of the threat, and differ from typical federal rulemaking in that they can be issued with no public notice, comment or cost-benefit analysis. The TSA promulgated regulations without the benefit of required analyses to justify the collection of personal data from private persons and public notice and comment when it issued SD-8G, which is why H.R. 3678 was introduced to amend title 49, United States Code and modify the authority of the TSA's assistant secretary of homeland security to issue regulations and security directives by requiring that the issuance has to be in response to an imminent threat of finite duration. In addition, any regulation or security directive that remains effective, with or without revision, for a period of 180 days shall be subject to a rulemaking.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I hope you will consider co-sponsoring H.R 3678.

Sincerely,