

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate and House of Representatives



The Honorable Joe Lieberman, United State Senator  
Chair of the Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
706 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins, United States Senator  
Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, US Senator  
709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Begich, United States Senator  
144 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2011

re: Request for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to hold a hearing in Alaska on Transportation Security Administration Screening Procedures.

Dear Senators Lieberman, Collins, Murkowski, and Begich:

We, the following members of the Alaska State Legislature, request that the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs conduct an oversight hearing in Alaska on the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) current practice of conducting pat-down searches and other security procedures on airline passengers.

Efficient air travel is a cornerstone of Alaska's economy and quality of life. There is no way to travel to many areas of Alaska, except by air. Furthermore, there is no way to travel to Alaska, except by ship, airplane, or through Canada, which requires a passport. Therefore, TSA's procedures for air travel are of the utmost importance to Alaskans.

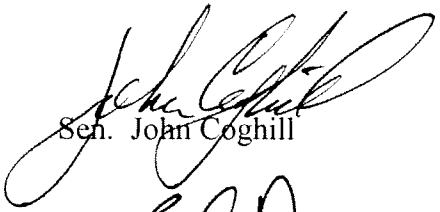
The recent screening procedures by the TSA are onerous and invasive to airline passengers. The new scanners produce graphic images of the human body. The pat-down procedures, used either instead of or in addition to the scanning procedures, are invasive and burdensome, particularly to those who have undergone medical treatment, have experienced sexual abuse, or are mentally or physically disabled. These procedures are an invasion of privacy to airline passengers.

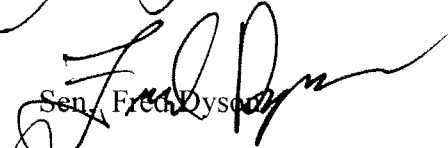
An oversight hearing of the TSA procedures conducted in Alaska is warranted, both because of the unique role aviation plays in day-to-day life in Alaska and because of the nation-wide public outcry that has resulted from the new screening procedures. The hearing should be on the new pat-down procedures adopted on October 28, 2010 and other TSA policies that may violate the privacy rights of law-abiding individuals. We would hope that members of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs would consider whether legislation is necessary.

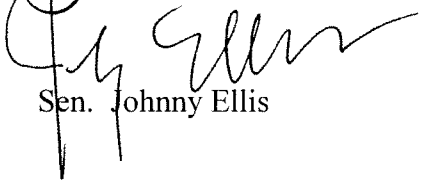
Thank you very much for your consideration of this request for a hearing in Alaska on this subject.

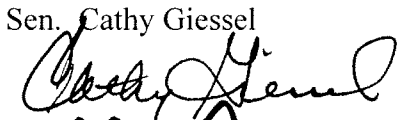
Signed by the following members of the Alaska State Senate and the Alaska State House of Representatives:

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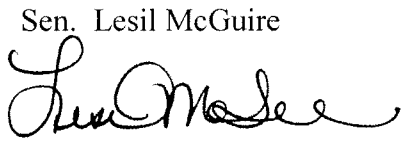
  
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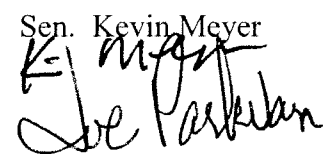
  
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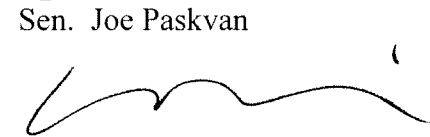
  
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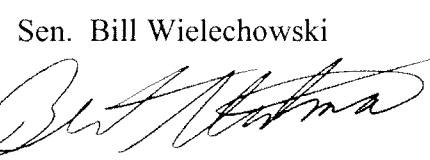
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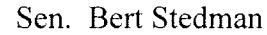
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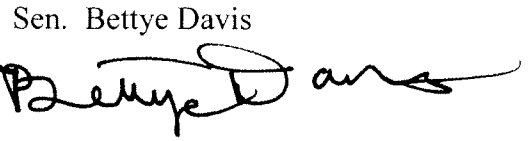

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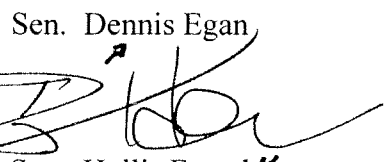
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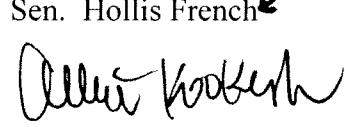
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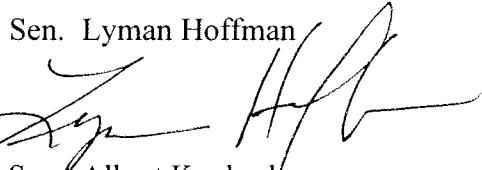
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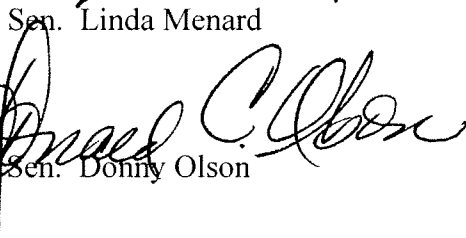
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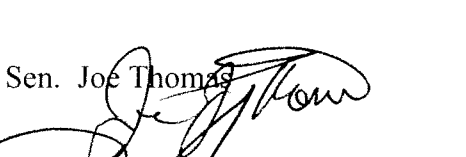
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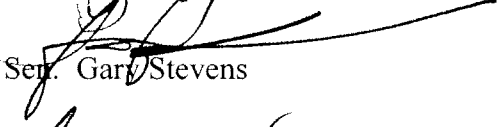
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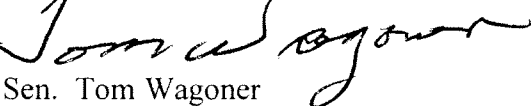
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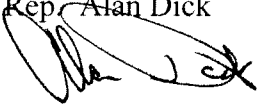
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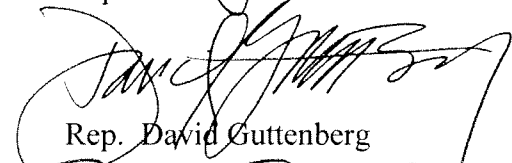
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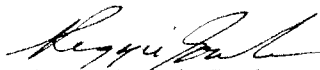
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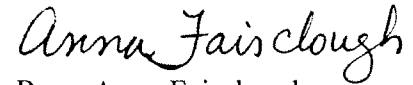
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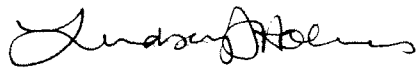
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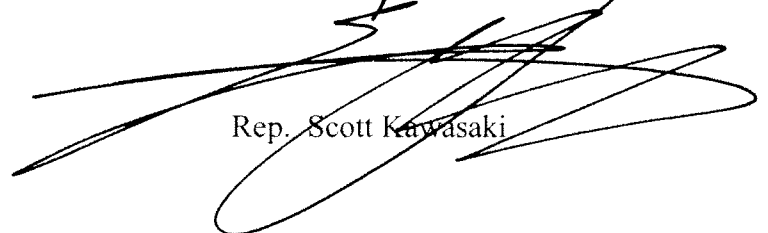
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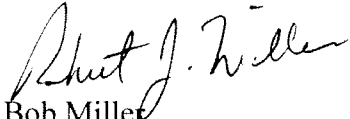


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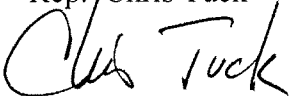
  
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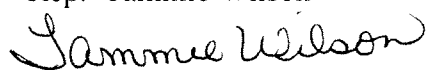
  
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