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## **Association for Airline Passenger Rights Supports Legislation Introduced by House Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt to Cutoff Funding for Full Body Scanners; Legislation reflects growing passenger anger over privacy infringement and health hazards**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 16, 2011) – The [Association for Airline Passenger Rights](http://www.flyfriendlyskies.com) (“AAPR”) today applauded House Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt (R-AL) leadership for introducing legislation to cut off federal funding for the full body scanners used by the Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”). Chairman Aderholt’s legislation – which would authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 – does **not** provide \$76 million requested by the President for 275 additional advanced inspection technology (AIT) scanners nor the 535 staff requested to operate them.

“The Association for Airline Passenger Rights has expressed reservations about TSA’s use of the full body scanners because they violate the U.S. Constitution’s 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment protections against unwarranted search and seizures, but they also pose potential serious health risks to certain people with compromised immune systems,” stated **Brandon M. Macsata**, Executive Director of the Association for Airline Passenger Rights. “Rep. Aderholt’s legislation reflects those concerns and sends a strong message to TSA, that their failure to balance security with privacy rights will no longer be tolerated. And it isn’t just Washington that is taking aim at these scanners, as numerous state legislatures have also expressed serious concerns.”

State legislatures New Jersey, Texas, New Hampshire Hawaii and Alaska have all taken steps to restrict the use of the full body scanners at airports in their respective states.

**For the complete text of the FY 2012 Subcommittee Draft Homeland Security Appropriations bill, please visit:** [http://republicans.appropriations.house.gov/\\_files/20110512HOMELANDFY2012.pdf](http://republicans.appropriations.house.gov/_files/20110512HOMELANDFY2012.pdf).

For more information about the Association for Airline Passenger Rights or passenger concerns over TSA’s invasive full-body scanners, please visit [www.flyfriendlyskies.com](http://www.flyfriendlyskies.com) or contact AAPR directly at [info@flyfriendlyskies.com](mailto:info@flyfriendlyskies.com).

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**About AAPR:** The Association for Airline Passenger Rights is a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote fairer customer service and accessibility standards in the airline industry and to improve passenger satisfaction. AAPR was formed in response to growing dissatisfaction among American consumers toward the airline industry.