-----Original Message-----From: James Davy [<u>mailto:jambo@ozemail.com.au</u>] Sent: Thursday, 4 September 2003 9:07 AM To: Carter, John Gordon (REPS) Subject: Aviation Security

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as a citizen who is concerned about the vastly increased level of aviation security.

We live in a wonderful democracy. One of the prices we pay is that inevitably we are vulnerable to the fanatical few that may wish to destroy our way of life. It is an impossible task to plug all the holes in our security. Make it difficult... Yes but to go overboard threatens us even more.

A determined terrorist has a plethora of choices to wreck havoc rather than against an airliner; a truck load of explosive in the downtown area of our major cities, a suicide bomber in an office building. All things we are witnessing daily on the news in other countries.

Already aviation requires a more security than any other form of transportation. To bring even more to bear on an already stretched aviation economy would be foolhardy and result in little increased level of safety. After all we can only do what we can afford. The greatest defense against terrorism is a strong, vital and productive economy; not an economy living in deficit and spending its hard earned cash on totally unproductive and wasteful levels of security.

Please let the committee be sensible in what it recommends to our parliament.

Yours sincerely

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