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MEMORANDUM

DATE : December 20, 2010

TO : All House Members

FROM : Representative Will Tallman *W.T.*

SUBJECT : Co-sponsorship

I am currently preparing to introduce a resolution that will urge Congress to place greater restrictions on the airport security screening measures utilized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

As you may know, the TSA has begun to use advanced imaging technology, which can produce an image of a person's body as it appears under their clothing, and thorough pat-downs, which involve TSA employees touching sensitive areas of passengers' bodies. I personally feel that these screening procedures are inappropriate and possibly unconstitutional. Procedures of this nature should only be utilized after an individual has been placed under arrest, if a search warrant has been issued, or if probable cause exists to search an individual. My resolution would urge Congress to limit the use of advanced imaging technology and pat-downs to these circumstances.

On a personal note, my family and I have experienced the embarrassment and humiliation caused by TSA's aggressive procedures. Meanwhile, TSA has repeatedly proven deficient in detecting potential threats. As such, I believe that Benjamin Franklin's wise words are still very relevant today:

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

If you are interested in cosponsoring this resolution, please contact my office at 3-8875 or email Jodi Addington at jaddingt@pahousegop.com.

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