

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 16 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, METCALFE, DENLINGER, KORTZ, READSHAW,
SCAVELLO, STEVENSON AND SWANGER, JANUARY 20, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to address concerns raised by security
2 screening methods employed by the Transportation Security
3 Administration.

4 WHEREAS, The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was
5 created by Congress in 2001 to protect the nation's
6 transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people
7 and commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, The TSA is responsible for security at our nation's
9 airports, including the screening of commercial airline
10 passengers and baggage; and

11 WHEREAS, The TSA has demonstrated at multiple times and
12 locations its inability to successfully detect potential
13 threats; and

14 WHEREAS, The TSA has begun to employ advanced imaging
15 technology, which produces detailed images of passengers' naked
16 bodies for review by a TSA employee; and

17 WHEREAS, Airline passengers who object to the use of advanced
18 imaging technology are subject to thorough pat-downs that

1 require TSA employees to touch sensitive areas of a passenger's
2 body; and

3 WHEREAS, Passengers, including children, may be required to
4 subject themselves to either or both of these procedures as a
5 condition of boarding a commercial aircraft; and

6 WHEREAS, The use of advanced imaging technology and pat-downs
7 are potentially offensive and humiliating to every individual
8 that they are imposed upon; and

9 WHEREAS, These procedures appear to intrude upon personal
10 privacy rights and may violate the Fourth Amendment to the
11 Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 8 of
12 the Constitution of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
14 memorialize Congress to exercise a greater degree of oversight
15 on the TSA and place greater restrictions on the airport
16 screening procedures employed by that agency, with specific
17 concern about the privacy of law-abiding individuals; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That Congress is urged to limit the use of advanced
20 imaging technology and pat-downs by TSA employees to situations
21 where the person being searched is under arrest, a search
22 warrant has been issued to search a specific person or probable
23 cause exists to search a specific person; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
26 United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of
27 the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United
28 States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States House of
29 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House
30 of Representatives and every member of Congress elected from

1 Pennsylvania.