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The DOT Needs to Hear from You Again

Just before Thanksgiving, the U.S. Department of Transportation released an ANPRM (Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule-Making). This is their request for the public to comment on a set of regulations they are now considering, and this action is a result of the immense pressure by your Coalition – so we need you to respond to the DOT about these proposals. You can access a complete copy of the proposal at http://docketsinfo.dot.gov/2105-AD72_Final_Nov15_2007.pdf.

The proposals include a requirement that airlines develop contingency plans for extended tarmac delays. However the DOT does not want to be responsible for reviewing and approving those plans. Without governmental review and approval, there's no assurance that the airline plans will be either useful or enforceable. We must have specific, enforceable contracts, not empty promises. There are several additional consumer related airline proposals also being made.

The Coalition's senior staff has developed a formal response to these items, and we will release our official response early next week.

Meanwhile, we need all coalition members to contact the DOT and tell them that they must act, and they must make the changes we are requesting. You can certainly write your own responses, but we have prepared a response that you can use. You can find it here:

<http://www.flyersrights.com/MemberANPRMResponse.doc>

If you email us back with your permission, we can send a response to the DOT in your stead. Otherwise, please fax or send a letter to the DOT telling them to fix the loopholes in these regulations – or they will be meaningless. And let us know by email if you have contacted them. Here's how to submit comments on your own;

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- Fax: (202) 493-2251

Airport Volunteers Needed Immediately in NY

Due to airport delays in NYC today, we need volunteers to go out to JFK, LaGuardia and Newark and hand out brochures. Sometimes these weather events get out in front of us and short notice is all we can provide.

We need more volunteers at key airports around the country handing out brochures that explain what to do if you have extended tarmac delays, lost baggage, get bumped from a flight, etc. We will provide a free Coalition Sweatshirt or T-shirt, ID button and also pay parking, printing and other related expenses. The brochure can be located here;

<http://www.flyersrights.com/CAPBORStrandedPassengerSurvivalGuideNovember11.19.07a.pdf>

We also need a National Airport Coordinator to organize and work with volunteers around the country in handing out brochures and other airport related activities.

If you can help, please email Kate or Mark (kate@flyersrights.com or mark@flyersrights.com).

Kate Hanni Named Among Most Influential in Travel

Our own Kate Hanni, founder and spokesperson of the coalition has been named among the top most influential people in travel along with the likes of Richard Branson, Al Gore, CEOs of several companies and leaders of several countries including President Bush. You have to register with the site to see the complete article.

<http://travelweekly.com/articles.aspx?articleid=59188&rbp=1>

You go Kate! What they don't mention is that Kate gave up a lucrative real estate career to devote her life to making the lives of airline travelers safer, and better.

Donations

Please visit our website and donate if you can <http://www.flyersrights.com/4.html>. Credit cards and Paypal accepted. Send checks directly to:

*CAPBOR
C/O Kate Hanni
159 Silverado Springs Drive
Napa, CA 94558*

FYI, no one gets paid from these donations. All monetary contributions pay for our bulk email service, website, advertising and other necessary expenses. Coalition volunteers use their own money for travel, hotels and meals, and these expenses are not tax deductible.

Google Ads on www.flyersrights.org

You may have noticed that we've added Google advertisements to our website. We're still working on making the ads more relevant ... we don't get to decide which ads appear. Anyway, it is a revenue generating source (i.e. every time someone clicks on one of our advertiser sites we make a few pennies.) WE CANNOT TELL YOU TO CLICK 1 MILLION TIMES...THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES ... but if you go there and like what you see...well...the rest is history

Distributing Coalition Business Cards

One of the keys to making our efforts successful is to get as much exposure as possible with Congress, the press and the public. You can help with the public exposure by forwarding these newsletters to your friends and family, and you can also help by leaving Coalition business cards in airplanes and airports when you fly. You can download Kate's business card in Word format

from <http://www.flyersrights.org/BusinessCardKatePBOR.doc>. Feel free to modify them for your own use. Use Avery Clean Edge Business Cards #8869 stock for printing.

Articles

Our Not-So-Friendly Skies

<http://www.thenation.com/blogs/edcut?bid=7&pid=253565>

One of our members speaks out!

<http://www.ktvu.com/video/14644883/index.html?taf=fran>

A respite from airport misery

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2007/11/24/a_respite_from_airport_misery/

Midwest, Virgin Ranked As Best Airlines

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/20/AR2007112001287.html>

Subscriber Information

You are receiving this email because you signed the petition at <http://www.petitiononline.com/airline/petition.html>.

If you have trouble unsubscribing to these emails or changing your email address, please email mark@flyersrights.com. If you're a Hotmail or MSN user, please just unsubscribe or contact Mark. Be careful with that Unsafe button. That causes us a lot of extra work.

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Best Regards,

The Coalition for an Airline Passengers Bill of Rights

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