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Strand-in: Huge Success and a Huge Expense!

On Wednesday, on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Capitol, coalition members along with D.C. tourists, piled into our 28-foot-long MOCK-I airplane to demonstrate against airline false imprisonment practices. The inside of the plane was designed to re-create the sounds and smells of a long-delayed flight. A stereo in the back of the plane played the wail of a cranky baby, while the passengers were subjected to the unpleasant smell of outhouse odors.

The event was covered by dozens of television, radio and print media, and four Congressmen also attended and made speeches. See New Articles below for just a few of the scores of articles written.

The event cost the coalition several thousand dollars, and now we're almost broke again, so please help us help you by donating to the cause. See below.

House Approves Deplanement Language - Coalition made it happen!

On Thursday, the House of Representatives approved the first Airline Passengers Bill of Rights in U.S. history. Under this bill, U.S. airlines and airports have to come up with plans to provide passengers stranded by long delays with food, water and other basic human needs. The legislation also demands that plans be drawn up to allow passengers to deplane following excessive delays and makes clear that the Transportation Department can levy civil penalties against a carrier or airport that doesn't adhere to contingency arrangements.

Also, the secretary of transportation is directed to investigate consumer complaints in such areas as flight cancellations, overbooking, lost baggage or incorrect fare information.

In a speech made by Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA) on Wednesday at the Strand-in, he praised Kate Hanni and the coalition for driving these issues to the forefront of public attention. So thanks to all of you who contacted your representatives and senators of the past weeks and months, and who have donated money to the cause. You made it

happen! Want proof? See Chairman Rangel's comments about being inundated with complaints from you!

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We're only Halfway There - On to the Senate!

We have a bill in the House, and that's a giant step forward. But now the bill of rights must be included in the final combined Senate-House bill, and of course then must be signed by the president. So the next order of business is to work with the senate to include the bill of rights in their version of the bill. So, and yes you've heard this before, please contact your senators and ask them to support the house version of the airline passengers' bill of rights. We expect the final vote on the combined bill to happen by the end of the month, and they're marking up the senate version right now. So please call them today!

Kate to Testify Before House on Wednesday

Kate Hanni will be testifying before the House Aviation Subcommittee on Wednesday, September 29th, in Room 2251 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC. The testimony is scheduled to start at approximately 2:30pm. We know many of you are wiped out from last week, but we can use all the onsite support we can get.

Welcome New Members

We picked up several thousand new members in the last week. Welcome to all of you. We hope you like our newsletter. We welcome your feedback. But this isn't just a newsletter. It's a call to action. We need your active participation and donations to keep the cause moving forward. We're a grassroots, all-volunteer organization.

Donations

We need more funds to run radio ads in key districts. Even ten dollars from each member would make a huge difference. To those who have donated, thank you! Please visit our website and donate if you can <http://www.flyersrights.com/4.html>. Credit cards and Paypal accepted. Send checks directly to:

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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.

New Articles

An Air Travel Activist Is Born - New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/09/20/business/20stranded.html?_r=1&ref=business&oref=slogin

The Ralph Nader of the Skies - Portfolio Magazine

<http://www.portfolio.com/business-travel/features/2007/09/18/Kate-Hanni-Profile>

Anger Over Airline Delays Spurs Passengers' Coalition Into Action - Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/16/AR2007091601571.html>

Stranded air passengers get more protections - MSNBC

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20892236/>

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Best Regards,

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