

MINORITY WHF-AT-LARGE
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
EDUCATION TASK FORCE
Co-CHAIR
COMMITTEE:
EDUCATION AND THE
WORKFORCE
SUBCOMMITTEE:
21st Century Competitiveness
Research Matters
Workforce Protection
GOVERNMENT REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE:
ENERGY POLICY, NATURAL RESOURCES
AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
TECHNOLOGY AND PROCUREMENT POLICY



Patsy T. Mink
Congress of the United States
2nd District, Hawaii

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE:
2210 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-3102
Phone: (202) 225-4008
Fax: (202) 225-4927
<http://www.house.gov/wcms/>
<http://www.house.gov/mink>

HAWAII OFFICE:
6104 PEARL KING FEDERAL BUILDING
HONOLULU, HI 96820-4277
Phone: (808) 541-1365
Fax: (808) 530-0233
MOBILE: 808-3700
MAIL: 242-1618
KALAE: 248-1951

November 7, 2001

The Honorable Don Young
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn HOB
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Young:

As you work toward reconciling the House and Senate versions of the Aviation Security bill (S.1447-H.R.3150), I urge you to consider adding language will ensure that flight deck crew shall have the means and procedures to displace smoke in order to maintain visibility of vital instruments, checklists, approach plates, and protected flight path in the presence of dense, continuous smoke in the cockpit.

Aside from exploding a bomb on an aircraft while it is in flight, there are basically three ways in which terrorists can render pilots unable to control the aircraft, thereby causing the aircraft to crash: 1) Break down the door and incapacitate the pilot. 2) Use a firearm and shot the pilot through the door. 3) Generate smoke and render the pilots unable to see to fly the plane. Items one and two have been added to the Aviation Security bill, but item three has not addressed.

A pilot must be able to see at all times to be able to fly the plane. The Aviation Security bill is where we must address this potential danger.

Your consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PATSY T. MINK
Member of Congress