



American Taxpayers' Questions for TSA

*As Prepared for Chairman Darrell Issa to Ask TSA Leadership During
March 26, 2012 Joint Oversight-Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Hearing*

[Regan Shea](#) "Why are the disabled targeted for groping? My wife travels with a portable oxygen concentrator and her use of that machine means she gets pawed by hand every time we travel."

[Joe Corica](#) "As a US Marine flying in the "Dress Blues" -D uniform, I was forced to remove my trousers in full view of other passengers because the 'shirt stays' beneath were scaring the inept TSA employees. This is disrespectful not only to me, but to the uniform. It is a violation of military regulations to appear in public out of uniform, and the TSA should not have the authority to force military personnel to choose between missing their flight or keeping regulations (and dignity). I have never chosen to fly since this incident."

[Julia Rachiele](#) "The TSA has taken away my freedom to travel. Because I wear a medical device that cannot go through an amount of radiation, I would be subject to the "enhanced pat-down" procedure, a procedure that goes against my religious beliefs that no one should touch the private parts of my body except for my husband. I urge lawmakers to get rid of the full body scanners that emit radiation and to eliminate any patdown that touches private parts. Europe has banned the radiation scanners and they do not do the "enhanced pat-downs." Why are we the backward nation regarding individual rights to travel unradiated and unmolested?"

[Adam Morgan](#) "I would like to know just what training regimen employees of the TSA are put through. At multiple airports I have seen varying degrees of enforcement of rules on top of differing knowledge of rules. Yet each agent insists that they are the be all, end all of rule knowledge. This makes it feel more like a vigilante sort of process rather than lawful security checks."

[I Am Wendy](#) "I have worn an artificial leg since I was 4 - I am now 61. I used to travel a lot for work but gave up after being assaulted by the TSA constantly... even to the point of having my breasts checked INSTEAD of the prosthesis. I was actually turned away once at DFW when I insisted that they were allowed to inspect only the area

that alarmed (between my right knee and ankle). They insisted they needed to feel up my body - the same body clothed in a lycra-laced T-shirt."

[Alison Lechowicz](#) "I was groped at the Houston (Hobby) Airport as part of a patdown after declining to pass through a body scanner. I filed complaints with the TSA (both as Civil Rights complaint and as a operational complaint against the airport). I received NO RESPONSE. I got fed up and emailed the Mayor of Houston. It was only then that I got a response to my complaint from the Mayor's liaison to the airport. My questions for Congress are: "What accountability does the TSA have to the public? Does the TSA have an obligation to respond to complaints?"

[Kathleen Tsu](#) "I'd like to know if you guys have considered implementing bomb dogs and other specialized types of search dogs. I mean, TSA exists because we want to thwart terrorists. It seems like there are plenty of people testing the system who got through when they shouldn't. My mom does search and rescue, and let me tell you- *nothing* gets past those dogs."

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