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The Honorable Peter V. Neffenger
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
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Dear Administrator Neffenger:

This summer, the Transportation Security Administration began working with private airlines to improve passenger screening at airport security checkpoints by incorporating new technologies and screening station modifications.¹ At Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Delta Air Lines reportedly “gifted the TSA two innovation lanes”² at a cost of \$1 million.³ It has also been reported that working with American Airlines, TSA plans to deploy automated screening lanes to Chicago O’Hare, Dallas/Fort Worth, Los Angeles, and Miami.⁴

Jointly with American Airlines, TSA also plans to deploy computed tomography (CT) scanners to Phoenix Sky Harbor by the end of 2016.⁵ In 2006, TSA placed a \$3.8 million order with Analogic Corporation for five COBRA CT based explosives and weapons detection systems, four of which were to be deployed at airport checkpoints in 2007 for testing and evaluation.⁶

To help the Committee understand TSA’s plans for deploying automated security screening lanes and CT Scanners, please provide documents sufficient to show the following information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2016:

1. Projected costs for testing, evaluating, acquiring, and deploying automated screening lanes and advanced technologies, including CT Scanners, to each airport over the next five years;

¹ Transportation Security Administration, Press Release, *TSA, American Airlines Jointly Testing Innovative Airport Security Technology* (July 5, 2016).

² Ashton Morrow, *Delta Deploys “Innovation Lanes” to Aid ATL Security*, DELTA NEWS HUB, May 26, 2016, news.delta.com/delta-deploys-innovation-lanes-aid-atl-security (last visited Aug. 9, 2016).

³ Hugo Martin, *To Speed Up Security Lines, TSA and Delta Try “Innovation Lane,”* L.A. TIMES, June 11, 2016, www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-travel-briefcase-innovation-20160611-snap-story.html (last visited Aug. 9, 2016).

⁴ Transportation Security Administration, Press Release, *TSA, American Airlines Jointly Testing Innovative Airport Security Technology* (July 5, 2016).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Analogic Corp., Press Release, *Analogic Corporation Receives TSA Order for Five COBRA Checkpoint Explosives and Weapons Detection Systems* (Sep. 26, 2006).

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2. Projected costs for Transportation Screening Officers to become trained on the new lanes and technologies over the next five years;
3. Data and results from tests showing the improved effectiveness of the new lanes and technologies;
4. Justifications for the selection of each airport for the deployment of the new lanes and technologies;
5. Costs associated with TSA's tests, evaluations, acquisitions, and deployment of CT scanners prior to the year 2016;
6. Data and results from TSA's prior testing and evaluation of CT scanners for security screening; and
7. The value and location of all CT scanners acquired by TSA prior to the year 2016.

In addition, please designate TSA officials to brief Committee staff regarding TSA's plans for the deployment of automated screening lanes and advanced technologies no later than August 25, 2016.

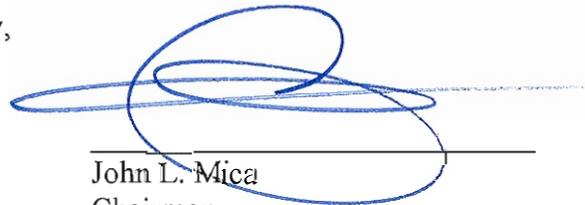
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Please contact Michael Ding of the Committee's Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman

Sincerely,



John L. Mica
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation
and Public Assets

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets