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The Honorable John Pistole
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
601 S. 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Administrator Pistole,

In light of the TSA's announcement last week on proposed revisions to the prohibited items list, I wanted to voice American's concern over the allowance of certain types of knives on aircraft.

We agree that it is important for the TSA to regularly revisit its rules and regulations, and fully support its frequent review of what is in the best interest of the flying public. The TSA's guidelines are crucial to the safety of our crews and customers, and we have – and will – adhere fully to its policies.

However, American feels that those guidelines are often most beneficial when we collectively discuss and review any proposed alterations that will affect our crewmembers and customers. In this particular case, we believe input from airlines, as well as the men and women who fly and serve the aircraft, would have been valuable to help determine the most useful and appropriate revisions.

The safety of our people and our customers is paramount and we will continue to support policies that keep the airspace safe, and allow customers to move through the screening and security process as quickly and safely as possible. But we encourage the TSA to reassess its proposed revisions to the prohibited items list, scheduled to take effect April 25, to ensure that any and all changes have been thoroughly reviewed and vetted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Ris".

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