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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:

The announcement this past week to begin allowing certain knives back into the cabins of commercial aircraft is of concern to us and we ask you to reconsider this decision.

US Airways fully supports the continuous review and amendment of TSA policies. We also understand and support the risk-based assessment employed by the TSA. However, this review and policy amendment process is most effective when it is conducted in a collaborative way with the airlines and their flight crews. In particular, seeking input before implementing a change in policy that might place our flight attendants' safety at risk would have provided a more thoughtful path to the desired outcome of secure and safe air travel.

We will continue to work closely with TSA in support of policies that better align security-screening measures with applicable risk. We also welcome the opportunity to enhance screening throughput by our continued promotion of TSA PreCheck, Known Crewmember Program and other procedures that enable passengers to move more quickly and safely through passenger screening. In the meantime, we urge you to reconsider the proposed policy before the stated implementation date of April 25.

On behalf of US Airways' 32,000 employees, thank you for your consideration.

Doug Parker

cc: Presidents, Master Executive Council, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, Deborah Volpe and Roger Holmin

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