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The Honorable John Pistole
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Administrator Pistole:

With regard to the TSA's announcement recently on proposed revisions to the prohibited items list, we wanted to voice Southwest's concern over the modification of rules covering certain types of knives now being proposed to be allowed on aircraft.

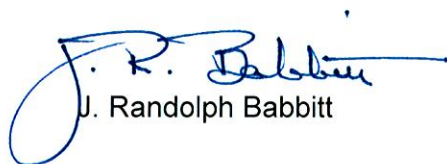
TSA's guidelines are vital to the safety of our Crews and Customers, and we also believe it to be appropriate for the TSA to regularly revisit its rules and regulations particularly where supported by enhancements in technology and baseline knowledge. The safety and best interests of the flying public and our Crew are enhanced by such reviews.

However, we feel that modifications of this magnitude would be more useful if we had the opportunity to collectively discuss and review any proposed alterations that will affect our Crewmembers and Customers. We believe input from airlines as well as our Crewmembers would have been valuable in determining the most appropriate revisions.

We place the safety of our employees and Customers as our highest priority. And while everyone benefits by having the screening and security process become as efficient and safe as possible, we nevertheless encourage the TSA to reassess its proposed revisions to the prohibited items list.

On behalf of the over 48,000 Southwest Airlines employees, we thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards,


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cc: TWU Int'l Executives, TWU 556 Exec Board, SWAPA Executive Board

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