

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi & Majority Leader Reid:

Ever since September 11th, 2001, law enforcement agencies have been telling the American people that they should immediately report any suspicious activity. This important practice is one of the best approaches we have for preventing terrorist attacks. Sadly, Americans who were simply trying to protect themselves and their country have now found themselves subject to lawsuits for reporting suspicious activity.

On November 20, 2006, six individuals boarded a US Airways flight in Minneapolis. While boarding, passengers and flight staff witnessed these six individuals demonstrating suspicious behavior, including not sitting in their assigned seats; requesting seat belt extenders but not using them; and speaking loudly about Osama bin Laden and the United States' role in the death of Saddam Hussein. Concerned passengers and airline personnel properly reported this suspicious behavior and the pilot and the Federal Air Marshal determined that the behavior warranted asking the individuals to leave the plane. Rather than receiving praise for coming forward to protect the traveling public, the "John Doe" passengers are now confronting a civil lawsuit filed by the six individuals.

Even more recently, we've seen the necessity of American citizens speaking up about potential terrorist activity. On May 8th, six individuals were arrested for plotting an attack against Fort Dix in New Jersey. They were in the process of plotting a heavily armed attack against soldiers stationed at the army base. The arrests followed an investigation of over 16 months by the FBI which began because an alert store owner noticed suspicious activity on a video one of the individuals brought to his store.

On March 27th, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the King Amendment by a vote of 304-121 to protect Americans who report suspicious activity from civil liability. This measure was included in the Rail and Mass Transit Security Act and is now being considered during conference negotiations on H.R. 1 and S.4.

As conferees meet to discuss the provisions in H.R. 1 and S.4, we urge you to ensure that the King Amendment is retained in any final conference report. We cannot afford to wait any longer to protect citizens who report suspicious activity. No American should fear lawsuits for doing the right thing.

Sincerely,



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