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The Honorable John S. Pistole
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
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Dear Administrator Pistole:

As you are aware, the first confirmed case of Ebola in the United States arrived in to Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport (DFW). I represent DFW in Congress and am writing to request that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) implement added security measures for non-American passengers traveling from the Ebola affected countries of West Africa. We must act swiftly to reduce any further exposure of Ebola to the traveling public or our citizens.

In the case of Mr. Thomas E. Duncan, a Liberian national who first entered the United States at Washington Dulles International Airport before connecting to DFW, has TSA thoroughly reviewed their interaction with Mr. Duncan at Washington Dulles? Before or since the confirmation of Ebola in the United States, has TSA added any screening protocols for nationals of the affected West African countries? Are TSA agents instructed to do anything differently when they encounter passengers of the affected West African nations? As you will agree, TSA has a vital role to play in ensuring against any future new arrivals of Ebola.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to receiving your prompt reply. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Kenny Marchant
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