

JUNE 1989

AT THE HALF-WAY POINT ON THE AIRLINE SMOKING BAN

Dear TAN Activist:

The temporary ban on smoking on flights of two hours or less has reached the mid-point. As you recall, the temporary, two-year ban began in late April 1988 and is scheduled to end, or "sunset," in late April 1990.

In the interim, the Department of Transportation (DoT) has authorized a study that purports to look seriously at all aspects of air cabin air quality and ventilation concerns, not just environmental tobacco smoke (ETS). The DoT says further action is unwarranted until the results of this study are submitted early next year.

Nevertheless, some anti-tobacco Members of Congress don't want to wait until the DoT study is completed before enacting a **COMPLETE BAN ON SMOKING ON AIRLINES!** There are four bills in the U.S. House of Representatives and two in the Senate that would lead to a smoking ban on all flights. Even though the DoT study will not be the last word on ETS and airliner cabin air quality, one would think that thoughtful lawmakers would want to see that study and other data before rushing to ban smoking completely.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

If you agree that the current ban is unnecessary and that a total ban is unwarranted, please take a few minutes and let key officials know how you feel.

The DoT

... PLEASE READ, SIGN, DATE AND SEND THE ATTACHED LETTER TO THE DOT AND SEND THE "CC'S" TO THE LISTED AIRLINES. To help in this effort, I've enclosed stamped, addressed envelopes for your DoT letter and the "cc's." If you want to write in your own words instead of sending the "form letter," please do so. Also, ask your friends and colleagues to join you in this matter.

The Congress

... I also ask that you **WRITE A SHORT LETTER TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS** and tell them the current two-hour ban is unnecessary and that you also have concerns about bills to extend the ban to all flights, regardless of duration.

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THE ADDRESS FOR ALL SENATORS IS:

The Honorable (Senator's name)
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Proper salutation: Dear Senator _____:

THE ADDRESS FOR ALL CONGRESSMEN IS:

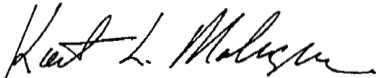
The Honorable (Representative's name)
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
Proper salutation: Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

Finally, PLEASE FILL OUT THE POSTAGE-PAID CARD AND SEND IT BACK to me so that we may get an indication of how many letters are going to key officials. Also, be sure to indicate if you would like a free copy of the Smokers' Guide to Airline Flights. This booklet, compiled in conjunction with the Official Airline Guide staff, lists all U.S. flights upon which smoking is currently allowed.

Once again, I thank you for your help. Without your input, lawmakers are likely to extend the unfair two-hour ban and perhaps even attempt to ban smoking on all flights.

Enough is enough!

Best regards,



Kurt L. Malmgren
National TAN Director

Attachments