

Dear

I am writing to ask that you intercede with the Transportation Safety Administration on the behalf of all Hoosier citizens to end the use of full-body image scanners in the Indianapolis International Airport.

A Full-Body Scan entails standing in front of a machine that dispenses extremely high frequency radio waves that reflect off a person and create a digital image. This image is essentially nude image of that person's body.

There are several questions that the public needs answered, such as: Who is scanned? Children? What happens to the images? Are these images secured, or does a TSA employee have the ability to copy those images? Is there an alternative to the scan? Are these scans even effective?

Independent studies of the full-body machines are disturbing. First, despite the claims of the TSA, the images are not completely secured, and can be extracted from the machine. This gives an agent the ability to save the images.

Secondly, the machines are not effective. Some civil liberty experts speculate that the Christmas day bomber had woven the explosive device in his underpants because it would not have been detected by a full body scanner. The scanner is unable to detect explosive devices hidden in body cavities. Some terrorists have even begun surgically implanting explosives in their bodies to escape detection.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority has responded by stating that there should be two signs in place warning passengers of the scans while they are in line and if a passenger refuses the scan they will receive a pat-down by a security official; however, there is no verbal explanation and they offer no alternative pat-down unless there is a refusal of the scan. I believe that these scanners are ineffective, should not be used.

I ask you to stand up for my right to privacy.

Thank You,