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Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable John Pistole
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear John:

Delta has an excellent working relationship with the TSA. Our ongoing engagement has supported important security programs such as TSA Pre Check and Known Crewmember.

We continue to support a risk-based approach to security. However, we must object to the agency decision to allow small knives back in the aircraft cabin. We have consulted with our flight attendant group and we share their legitimate concerns regarding this decision. These items have been banned for more than 11 years and will add little value to the customer security process flow in relation to the additional risk for our cabin staff and customers. If the purpose is to increase security checkpoint flow, there are much more effective steps we can take together to streamline the security checkpoints with risk-based screening mechanisms.

An ongoing dialogue continues to be the most effective method for developing industry security programs and strategies. For instance, after the December 2009 security incident onboard Delta Flight 253, which was thwarted by our flight attendants, we worked closely with TSA to design a new screening system for our higher risk international stations.

We will always be good partners with the TSA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard".