



October 16, 2014

The Honorable Billy Long  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1541 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Long:

As our nation works to contain and minimize the threat posed by Ebola, uniform protocols at U.S. airports, which are the primary entry point and gateway for the spread of this virus in our country, should be a top priority.

As representatives of the police officers who serve John F. Kennedy International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, and other areas of critical infrastructure in the New York and New Jersey bistate region as well as the proprietary airport police officers of the Los Angeles airports of Los Angeles International Airport, Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport, we are increasingly concerned with the Ebola threat.

Given the deadly nature of the virus and in our capacity as airport first responders, we propose the following priorities for ensuring the safety of those we are sworn to protect:

- (1) Ban flights from affected nations;
- (2) Require that medical personnel traveling to and from the affected countries, as well as infected Americans traveling to the country for treatment, be transported by military aircraft; and
- (3) Institute a uniform national protocol among the agencies (airport police; Customs and Border Protection; and EMS) responsible for addressing the Ebola threat at our airports.

First responders at major international airports, including our brother and sister EMT and CBP partners, have already undertaken many proactive measures to address Ebola and we believe the above recommendations will strengthen our country's efforts to prevent the spread of this disease, provide some comfort to the American public, and ensure the safety and well-being of airport personnel and travelers.

Should you need more information on these matters, feel free to reach out to us directly.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Marshall McClain  
President  
Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association



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The American Alliance of Airport Police Officers (AAAPO) is comprised of rank-and-file airport police officers (including many dual police/aircraft rescue firefighters) who stand as the first line of defense against terrorist attacks, hijackings and other public safety emergencies at our nation's airports.