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Chairman Siegfried and members of the House State & Federal Affairs Committee,

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that the "People have the right to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause..."

Under the false pretense of security, every inch of our bodies are now subject to government inspection by the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA). When law-abiding citizens are stripped of the right to deny the government access to their very own body, there can be no personal right safe from such a government. Air travelers are subjected to aggressive, humiliating pat-downs, many of which would land the average stranger off of the street in jail, but because the federal government has given someone a blue uniform and a badge, we are told that person has authority over our bodies and we must endure. It is wrong for Americans to be treated guilty until proven innocent for simply exercising our right as a free people to travel.

It will be argued that these measures are necessary for our security, and yet since its inception, the TSA has not caught a single terrorist. It has however, managed to create the illusion of security at the cost of our human dignity. Meanwhile, a simple Google search will reveal a whole host of occurrences in which people have smuggled something through security, intentional or not, unnoticed by the TSA. By their own admission, the TSA's screening procedures would not have caught the "Shoe-bomber" or "Underwear-bomber." And so, the American public is treated as terrorists as we are herded through the Security Theater, and told it is for our protection. Benjamin Franklin said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty or safety."

It is the purpose of the State to defend and protect our personal liberties. When the federal government acts in violation of our God-given rights, it is the moral obligation for the State to serve as a shield between the citizens and the federal government's disregard for the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,  
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