**Transportation
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Administration**

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Mr. Philip Mocek
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Dear Mr. Mocek:

Thank you for your e-mail of February 21, 2008, regarding your observations of security screening posters at Kansas City International Airport (MCI). Specifically, you expressed concern that the private contractor performing security screening at MCI uses Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posters that indicate travelers are required to present photo identification (ID) at the security screening checkpoint.

At the direction of Congress, TSA established a program at some airports using private contractors instead of Federal security officers. MCI is one of these airports. Although MCI is not staffed by a Federal workforce, it is still regulated by TSA.

TSA and its contractors have a series of measures in place which work together to reduce the risk of a terrorist being able to carry out a terrorist act. One of these measures is to limit access to the secured area of the airport to travelers who have the proper travel documentation, such as a boarding pass. In addition, TSA requires travelers to produce a valid form of government-issued photo ID to verify that the name on the travel document matches the ID.

If a traveler is unwilling or unable to produce a valid form of ID, the traveler is required to undergo additional screening at the checkpoint to gain access to the secured area of the airport. Access to the secured area of the airport will be denied to any traveler who refuses to undergo the additional screening.

TSA appreciates that you took the time to share your concerns with us. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Oliver
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