

I oppose proposed rulemaking that would make the DC Air Defense ID zone permanent. Like the Patriot Act, this ADIZ was created hurriedly and without adequate time to reflect on its implications.

If made permanent, it would greatly and adversely affect the area around DC, including my home base here in Richmond. It will force many general aviation planes to literally stop flying.

General aviation is not a meaningful threat to the government. Even if it were, I find it hard, balancing the equities, to protect our leaders but not our citizens.

In fact, from general aviation come our pilots of tomorrow, both military and commercial, not to mention the business world in which air travel has become an integral business tool. ADIZs may have a place, but it is on our external borders and not, as proposed, against out law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

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