

I am writing in opposition to the proposed permanent Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) regulations. It isn't really designed to address the risks it claims to address.

To summarize, as presently written, the ADIZ most adversely affects smaller, slower aircraft that pose less risk, and are more easily intercepted, while not capable of preventing fast-moving aircraft from reaching the center of not only the ADIZ, but also the inner Flight Restricted Zones. Nor would I imagine that it is reasonable to suppose that terrorists would try to use small aircraft to distribute biological weapons or a bomb when someone could do so more easily and less expensively in a car or truck, or by use of a remote control toy plane, for that matter.

Without going into detail, expect that existing (pre-ADIZ) airspace rules, and existing radar technology properly used are sufficient to monitor general aviation air traffic around sensitive areas, particularly when coupled with the self-policing exercised by pilots and aircraft owners/operators over their planes, crews, and passengers. There comes a point where security and liberty can ultimately be preserved only by individual vigilance and action, and a refusal to be captive to limitless fears.