

I am a private student pilot, beginning to schedule my cross-country solo in order to obtain my full license. I will be flying approximately 200 hours per year and plan on purchasing a single engine plane. My flights are for business and personal travel.

I would like to share my concerns regarding the 'potential' of making the DC Class B airspace security restrictions permanent. This type of direction can be a slippery slope (not only with DC, but future changes for General Aviation pilots and the economic health of general aviation).

Most of my flying is VFR -- this change will create unnecessary burden to one of the few bright spots in aviation (General Aviation is still growing and supporting the economy, unlike the challenges of commercial aviation).

I cannot imagine the burden on pilots and air traffic controllers in having to navigate within the framework of the Washington, DC's Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). It appears Washington, DC's existing 15-mile Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) provides protection -- BUT, the current ADIZ for lighter and slower aircraft is rather overzealous.

I do support the protection of our country and citizens -- Any changes need to be finely balanced to consider all factors and modes of transportation. My fear is that a 'broad brush stroke' is being used.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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