

Hello everyone!

My name is Bobbie and I am helping with the newsletter this week. I'm a long-term member of the Coalition, and Kate Hanni has agreed to let me write this week's letter ... so the format is a little different this time.

First off, the Strand-In is September 19th. This is the Coalition's demonstration to Congress about what it's like to be a stranded passenger on an airplane for several hours. All of us need to let our elected representatives know how important it is to us as constituents that they stop by the tent that day. Your elected officials can be found at: <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>. You can find both your Senators and Representative from this site. Write them a quick note (you can find a template for the note at <http://www.strandedpassengers.blogspot.com>). This note will let them know about the strand-in and ask them to please attend the event. We have a couple of generous offers to fly previous stranding victims to DC for the event. If you want to go, let us know. Please - stranding victims only. And we can use all miles we can get - we must make this a monster event, so please donate your miles or come to DC yourself!

Secondly, please spread the word about the coalition. Who should you tell? That's easy! Everyone. Even if a person does not fly, they have a loved one or friend who does and you can bet they would hate to see them stranded. The more the word gets out, the more progress can be achieved by the coalition as its success depends upon its supporters. That's you and I folks!

Thirdly, speaking of supporting the Coalition, we all need to give our part to defray all the expenses involved in this worthy cause. We all joined the Coalition because it is important to us to have rights as airline passengers. Many of you have already made donations-thank you! As for the rest of us...let's do our part to support the fight for our rights by donating to the coalition. If all of us receiving this email were to donate the cost of a cup of latte for a whole week, that would really help out. I know I can give up my fancy coffee for this cause. I hope all of you are willing to as well. Remember, your donation today will help to secure your rights for tomorrow.

Some of the costs associated with the strand-in are: \$800 tent/garage plus tax and \$160 shipping, \$109 per night hotel for 3 rooms and 6 nights, transportation costs, rental of chairs, generator and other equipment: \$400. And there will be other costs. We are facing about \$5K to pull this off.

Donations can be made at <http://www.flyersrights.com/4.html> (we accept credit cards or Paypal). Note that you must enter an amount at the top of the page in order to continue with a credit card donation. Or you can mail a check to:

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Fourth, here's an article that describes the challenges we face: How airlines mistreat fliers and get Congress to go along: <http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2007/08/our-view-on-air.html?csp=34>

Lastly, I leave you with a final thought about rights as citizens from the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America "...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law..." Question: if our country cannot take away our liberty without due process of law, then how come the airlines can?

Here's a picture of a "tent/portable garage" like the one we're using at the Strand-In. We still need to paint it. So much to do!

Good day and good thoughts.

Peace. Bobbie

Proud Member of the Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights

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Editors Note: Let's give Bobbie a big round of applause. First try and she did a great job. If anyone else would like to offer their thoughts in the future, please let us know.

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