REJECT THE PFC INCREASE

Tax-Weary Passengers Need Relief, Not an Increase in the Airport Tax

Air travelers are already overburdened with government-imposed taxes and fees. Nearly doubling the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) – Airport Tax – and allowing it to automatically increase every year is the government's latest effort to extract more money from passengers.

The PFC increase is just another tax increase that the government is forcing on consumers who already pay too much in taxes when they fly.

$20.5 BILLION

PAID BY PASSENGERS IN 2014 - A RECORD HIGH

Passengers are already saddled with taxes and fees. The U.S. aviation industry and its customers pay 17 unique taxes and fees imposed by the federal government. Federal taxes and fees account for $63 of a typical $300 domestic one-stop, round-trip ticket – approximately 21 percent of the total cost.

Air travel is already taxed at a much higher rate than other modes of transportation. Passengers paid a total of $20.5 billion in 2014 – a record high. The immense tax rate on air travel puts it in the same category as "sin products" like alcohol and tobacco, which are taxed to discourage use.

Since air travel is often an optional choice for individual consumers and businesses, even the smallest increase in airline ticket costs has a negative impact on travel decisions.

Since 1972, the federal aviation tax burden has nearly tripled. These rising costs hinder the ability of U.S. airlines to thrive, drive economic activity and create American jobs.

DINNER OUT

TANK OF GAS

NEW SHOES

Nearly doubling the airport tax means real dollars for real families. If the airports get their tax increase, a family of four taking one round trip could pay up to $136 ***in airport taxes alone***. The $64 increase is equal to dinner at a restaurant, a tank of gas or a pair of new shoes.