

There is much discussion in the proposal about needing the permanently protected area to ensure safety against terrorism in the Washington D.C. area. The matter of fact is that the current ADIZ does as much as can be done in this regard. Making the ADIZ permanent only allows criminal prosecution of errant pilots who violate the airspace. This is the underlying reason for the proposal. Now I realize that an errant pilot can create havoc when he enters protected airspace. However, I do not believe that making the ADIZ permanent will have any effect in the effort to reduce unintentional violations. What WILL help is the FAA pilot training requirement that is already underway. With the help of AOPA, these problems can be brought under control. Additionally, if the ADIZ is made permanent, it will be more difficult to make changes that can benefit both national security and all airspace users. Making the ADIZ permanent to criminalize a violation is inappropriate, unnecessary, would be ineffective, and would limit the ability to make appropriate airspace changes in the future. Please do not adopt this proposal.