

To whom it may concern,

I used to believe that there could be nothing scarier than a big ugly watchdog with rabies but sad to say the Federal Government, in particular Homeland Security, Transportation Security Agency, and the Federal Aviation Administration have once again proven me wrong. When the ADIZ was first implemented I told my fellow pilots that it would probably never go away because since 9/11 the FAA has become nothing more than a lap dog for TSA, seemingly going along with every suggestion to get along. The ADIZ has been nothing but problems since the beginning. Not only are aviators stressed with trying to get off the ground to fly, it's even more stressful and nearly dangerous trying to enter the ADIZ even on local flights for pilots familiar with the area. I myself have had to speak to as many as six controllers trying to return from a flight, and nearly ran out of fuel before finally being permitted in. With all the stress, rules and regulations and risks associated with flying I still love it and have for twenty seven years, but now my time between flights is growing longer and longer because I just don't want to have to deal with all the "CRAP": Being shot down, forced down, fined into bankruptcy, and being grounded for life are just not acceptable to me or my family. Maybe if some of the desk jockeys who dream up these stupid ideas had any idea of flying they would have a better appreciation for what pilots are going through. Maybe the "powers that be" should just cut to the chase and limit all flying within 100 miles of DC to military aircraft and of course AF-1 since that seems to be the ultimate goal anyway. Maybe then someone behind one of those big desks will say "wait a minute" It's time we pulled our heads out of our butts and came up with a better plan!!!

Respectfully,

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