

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my views concerning the arming of pilots. I fully support the recent provisions provided by congress to allow the arming of flight crews in commercial airlines. I believe substituting non-lethal devices for firearms is a bad idea and should not even be considered. If we are going to fight terrorism we need to take it seriously and become at least as much a soldier as the enemy in that fight. Knowing that my flight crew is armed will remove much of the stress now attached to flying. They should be trained in firearms safety, the psychology involved in the use of lethal force and the rules of engagement as it pertains to attacks on civilian aircraft. Thank you,  
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