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Gentlemen:

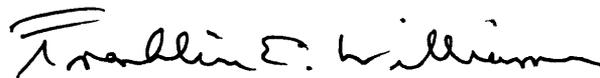
Re: Docket No. FAA-2001- 11229--7208

I am writing to voice my support for arming pilots of commercial aircraft. If this had been done earlier, the tragedy of September 11 would have never happened.

As to my wife and myself, we never intend to take a domestic flight on any airline which does not arm its pilots with real guns, not stun guns. If no airline chooses to protect its passengers in this way, we will go by means of our automobile, Amtrak or Greyhound. As regards trips out of the U.S., unless El Al flies there, we will simply not go.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Franklin E. Williams