



Statement of Rep. Harry Mitchell  
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--Thank you Mr. Chairman.

--As you know, we have made some important improvements in airport security, but there is still much more to be done.

--The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commissions Act requires 100 percent screening of cargo shipped on board passenger aircraft, however, according to the Government Accountability Office, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is facing resource and other challenges in developing a system to make this happen.

--Last year, Phoenix Sky Harbor began testing new, backscatter x-ray technology, however, the TSA has yet to identify the type of technology solutions it believes should be developed wide scale.

--I look forward to hearing from today's witnesses about how we can ensure the flying public's security.

-- I yield back.