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President Barack Obama  
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Dear Mr. President:

Failed New York Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad nearly avoided capture, in part, by paying for his airline ticket in cash. I am aware that new security regulations are to be implemented by the end of the year which would give Transportation Security Administration officials a larger role in checking passengers against the no-fly list; mitigating some of the security loopholes exploited by Shahzad.

In the interim, I urge you to use your authority to allow TSA agents to personally check the identification of passengers, who purchase airline tickets in cash within hours of a flight against, existing terrorist databases. While paying in cash for an airline ticket is not a crime, it is clear that terrorists are using cash purchases in an effort to evade law enforcement. Stemming this vulnerability is an essential security component.

Thank you for your attention to this important security issue.

Sincerely,

Sue Myrick  
Member of Congress