

I feel that this proposed change is discriminatory to people with disabilities. Many of us don't have a choice in the size of the service dog we get. Many of us need the larger dogs to pull wheelchairs, provide balance, carry medical supplies, reach things higher than we can lift our arms, conduct business transactions, etc.

It also is not cheap being disabled - to unfairly burden us financially to accomodate what the law considers to be a part of our medical equipment is discriminatory.

The general public is very accepting of our service dogs and I am sure that it would not be a problem to find at least one person on any given flight that wouldn't mind sharing their footroom when necessary with a service dog. Our dogs are trained to curl themselves up into the smallest possible place given their size. Also, on many flights, there is room in other classes of the airline to which the airline could upgrade either the person not wanting to sit next to the dog or the person with the dog. Since that seat would be empty for that flight anyway there is no loss of revenue for the airline.

There are too many other solutions to this problem than to allow the airlines to further gouge it's customers by forcing them to buy extra seats for which no one will be sitting in.

Also, with most airlines not giving reserved seating anymore, the purchase of a second seat does not assure that there will be indeed an empty seat next to the disabled passenger.

I strongly urge this be denied and that the airlines be asked to find another more suitable way to handle this problem.