

I am 72 years old and on oxygen 14/7, because I have COPD. We live New Jersey and have daughter, son in law and two grandsons who live in Las Vegas NV. We try to visit them at least once a year, We have been traveling by US Airways, as they have the only direct flight from Philadelphia Pa. airport. In addition to our air fare it was costing me \$300.00 round trip just for oxygen. For a retiree on a fixed income that is a big expense. Not that they are merging with South West Airlines they will no longer provide Medical Oxygen. If we have to take a flight with a layover I have to find someone in the layover city to provide me with oxygen from the time I get off the plane until I reboard, at my expense. So if no other airline starts direct flights from Philadelphia with oxygen, I have a problem. I must use oxygen to the airport and while I am waiting to board, which means someone must go with us to take my oxygen equipment home, and meet us there when we return. So we need an airport that is close. I believe very strongly that the airlines are being allowed to DISCRIMINATE against people that need medical oxygen. DOMENIC E. MARCELLI