

**Chairman John Carter**  
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This morning, we welcome Administrator John Pistole to explain how TSA uses risk-based approaches to transportation security. Administrator, thank you for joining us and I look forward to hearing from you today.

Our aviation sector remains a primary target. From 9/11 to Richard Reid to the Christmas Day and the printer cartridge plots, terrorists have demonstrated their diseased intent to bring down planes and harm our citizens and our aviation system. We've seen other transportation systems attacked around the world. So, transportation security has and will remain a priority for this Subcommittee.

But budgetary reality means we cannot simply throw money at the problem – even as we agree on this real threat to our security. We must make wise use of limited resources, and apply these resources to activities that have real, measurable security impacts.

A risk-based approach to screening and other TSA activity has been long overdue. We've paid billions since 9/11 to build up the TSA workforce and infrastructure, and it is nearly an \$8 billion per year operation. So, our goal is to achieve the best possible security at the lowest possible cost.

Administrator, you have made risk-based security a signature initiative for TSA. I look forward to hearing today about your progress in that effort, and how this will reduce costs to the taxpayer while also protecting the traveling public.

Your written statement will be placed in the record, so I ask you to take five minutes to summarize it. I would now like to recognize Mr. Price, our distinguished Ranking Member, for his opening remarks.

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