

Bio:

Charlie Leocha is the President of Travelers United. He has been working in Washington, DC, for the past eight years with Congress, the Department of Transportation and industry stakeholders on travel issues. He was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Aviation Consumer Protections by the Secretary of Transportation and to the Consumer Advocacy Subcommittee of the Transportation Security Advisory Board

Charlie has worked as a travel journalist since 1986 and has authored scores of guidebooks as well as *Travel Rights*, which focused on traveler rights for airlines, rental cars, hotels, tour operators and credit cards. He was MSNBC's on-air Travel Guru for two years and his Travel Tips radio program was heard on more than 100 radio stations.

Today, as the founder of Travelers United, he has testified before both the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Transportation Committee. He has also addressed the ABA Forum on Air and Space Law, IATA's Legal Symposium and Airports Council International meetings. His focus is competition, comparison shopping, airline price transparency, passenger rights education, privacy, re-imagining TSA search processes, UAS integration and air traffic control developments.

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