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Petition the U.S. Government to Force the TSA to Follow the Law

[This](#) is [important](#):

In July 2011, a federal appeals court ruled that the Transportation Security Administration had to conduct a notice-and-comment rulemaking on its policy of using "Advanced Imaging Technology" for primary screening at airports. TSA was supposed to publish the policy in the Federal Register, take comments from the public, and justify its policy based on public input. The court told TSA to do all this "promptly." A year later, TSA has not even started that public process. Defying the court, the TSA has not satisfied public concerns about privacy, about costs and delays, security weaknesses, and the potential health effects of these machines. If the government is going to "body-scan" Americans at U.S. airports, President Obama should force the TSA to begin the public process the court ordered.

The petition needed 150 signatures to go "public" on [Whitehouse.gov](#) (currently at 296), and needs 25,000 to require a response from the administration. You have to register before you can sign, but it's a painless procedure. Basically, they're checking that you have a valid e-mail address.

Everyone should sign it.

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