

# Travel Alert

## Making Flying Safer And Keeping It Affordable

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(NAPSA)—Most airlines would do what they could do to ensure that their flight was safer from the threat of terrorism. And yet industry experts say one obvious route to airline safety—having your suitcase picked up at your



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home and delivered to your final destination—is being overlooked.

If you think that this alternative has been dismissed because it would make traveling more complicated, think again. The proposal would offer passengers faster check-ins, more on-time flights and a dependable suitcase-tracking solution. Currently, 57 suitcases are lost per minute within the aviation industry. The alternative might also keep more airlines—currently struggling with the additional costs of airline security and increased fuel prices—from facing bankruptcy.

The idea is surprisingly simple. Separate passengers from their luggage. Passengers can then choose to use the express method to transport their luggage to and from its final destination. According to Universal Express, a worldwide delivery and logistics company, this will encourage passengers to cut down on baggage and travel more securely and quickly.

Passengers have many options, including Luggage Express, a divi-

sion of Universal Express, which offers luggage collection from home, hotel or business and delivery to consumers' final destination at a reasonable price. Various other companies offer similar services or have the ability to do so.

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**Shipping luggage separately could make flying safer and potentially save many airlines from losses or bankruptcy.** 

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In 2005, the Transportation Security Administration spent \$1.45 billion on baggage screening. The Universal Express solution offers a savings projected between \$550 million and \$1.2 billion. The proposal will not only decrease costs but will increase revenue, opening up cargo space for more commercial usage and lower ticket prices.

Passengers can benefit in other ways. This solution allows for faster check-ins, more on-time flights and a dependable tracking solution for passengers. It's cost effective for passengers, the airlines, and all agencies interacting with the industry and taxpayers.

For more information, visit [www.usxp.com](http://www.usxp.com) or call 866-SHIP-BAGS.

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