

Big Airlines are Seeking to Reduce Taxes for Business Class Passengers

As part of their plan to privatize our nation's air traffic control system (ATC) and turn it over to a private board, some big airlines are also seeking a huge tax break for business class travelers. In addition to threatening access to small and rural communities, the ATC privatization plan gives airlines the authority to set the taxes passengers pay.

Do we want an industry that collected \$6.8 billion in "ancillary fees" from their customers last year also deciding how much passengers pay in taxes?

In a recent letter to the House Ways & Means Committee, Airlines for America which represents the largest carriers said current passenger taxes, overseen by Congress will be replaced with "transparent user fees charged directly by the airlines."

The airlines went on to say they would somehow "collectively pay approximately the same amount as the current tax structure" even after repealing all the existing taxes? The example below shows how economy class passengers will be on the losing end of this deal.

