

Hello my name is [redacted] I understand you are working on a new airline passenger protection bill I was having some difficulty submitting a submission so thought i would email you

I read in the document that the bill proposes that children under 14 to be seated with parents

In 1993 when I was 15 years old i was travelling from Hawii to Melbourne with 9 other people our seats were scattered throughout the plane i was unlucky enough to be seated next to a paedophile I was sexually abused for over 9 hours because of my fear i did not speak up at the time but did manage to make a report to the federal police a few years later. Unfortunately the federal police shelved my report without investigating and lost the evidence I handed in

Airlines need to be made accountable for where they seat children and vulnerable people a child over 14 is still a child and it is unacceptable to have them strapped down in a seat belt in a confined space without there gardian

To charge an extra fee to have a parent sit with a child is outrageous

I also have high functining autism as do alot of people in society which makes you more vulnerable to abuse children or adults over 15 with a disability should be seated with the person who bought there tickets

There should also be a avenue of recourse for a child or person who suffers abuse at the hands of an airline

I hope you can consider this with the new bill

Regards