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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 18, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today joined in sponsoring legislation requiring the Secretary of Transportation to establish regulations for protected areas aboard airliners, trains, and buses for non-smoking passengers.

Dole said, "Although U.S. Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfield recently called for a complete ban on smoking in confined public places, I would like to point out that the bill I am cosponsoring would not go as far. This proposal places no burden on the smoker, but does assure those who prefer not to smoke that they will not be subjected to the discomfort and health hazards of a smoke-filled atmosphere."

The proposed bill would require certain modes of public transportation in interstate commerce to reserve some seating capacity for passengers who do not smoke.