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**DEM. – REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA, SHARON CISSNA, TO STUMP IN TEMPE, AZ**

**“Freedom to Travel USA Supports Rep. Cissna’s TSA Teas’ Tour”**

**Freedom to Travel USA** (FTTUSA) is pleased to announce and support Alaska State Representative Sharon Cissna’s whistle-stop bus tour across the Western United States, which started Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> in Seattle, Washington and continued with TSA Teas in Portland, Oregon August 3, Sacramento, CA August 4<sup>th</sup> and today, August 5, in Los Angeles, CA with a stop scheduled for Tempe, Arizona Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The tour’s intent is to hold several “TSA Teas” to highlight the concerns of thousands upon thousands of United States citizens regarding the treatment innocent Americans are receiving at the hands of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Representative Cissna is traveling from Alaska to Texas by Canadian air travel and domestic bus because she refuses to subject herself to highly intrusive TSA searches. She will be available at **GOLD BAR ESPRESSO in Tempe** for discussion, interview and comment with the intent to engage the public and local legislators in thoughtful dialog specific to the issue of bringing dignity and reason back in to the airport and transportation safety screening process.

Perhaps more recently known for her personal battle with breast cancer and subsequent experience while attempting to return home to Alaska from her medical treatments in Seattle when the TSA insisted on an intrusive hand exam at SEA-TAC Airport; Representative Cissna is now stumping her way down the west coast, sleeping overnights while traveling on the Greyhound bus, with a brief stop in Tempe, AZ along the way. Please come out and show her, and all Americans wishing to travel freely and with dignity and reason, your support.

**Date: Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Time: 12:00 pm (noon)**

**Venue: Gold Bar Espresso**

**3141 South McClintock Drive**

**Tempe, AZ 85282-5682**

**(NE corner of McClintock Drive & Southern Avenue, near the Ross Department Store)**

**[goldbarespresso.org](http://goldbarespresso.org)**

**About Freedom to Travel USA** FTTUSA is a national non-partisan group of citizens whose goal is to regain freedoms, taken away by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), through influencing federal and state legislators to stand up for America's freedoms and citizens’ collective dignity. FTTUSA is against warrantless electronic strip searches of citizens and against coerced, inappropriate physical touching of bodies, including private parts. FTTUSA has created a coalition with a strong organization and focus to accomplish these goals.

## Attachment (Article)

### **AP. - Rep. Takes 12-Hour Boat Ride after Refusing TSA Search BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR SHARON CISSNA BALKS AT AIRPORT PAT-DOWN**

By [Rob Quinn](#), Newser Staff

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**(NEWSER)** – An Alaskan state lawmaker opted to spend 12 hours on a ferry home instead of submitting to what she described as an "invasive" TSA search at a Seattle airport. Sharon Cissna, a Democrat, says she was told she would have to be patted down after a body scan displayed the scars from her breast cancer, [AP](#) reports. TSA regulations state that officers "will need to see and touch your prosthetic device, cast, or support brace as part of the screening process."

"Facing the agent I began to remember what my husband and I'd decided after the previous intensive physical search. That I never had to submit to that horror again!" Cissna said. "It would be difficult, we agreed, but I had the choice to say no, this twisted policy did not have to be the price of flying to Juneau."