

## Airline Perspective

Kathy Kennedy Alaska Airlines Assisting customers with nonapparent disabilities



#### **★**Challenges

1. Lack of Self Disclosure

- 2. Asking for mobility assistance instead of disclosing a cognitive or non apparent disability
- 3. Trained employees may not recognize a nonvisible disability





## Understanding what airlines provide

- Pre-boarding
- Seating
- Gate passes- check with carrier
- Navigation assistance
- Onboard opening food packages, assistance to the lavs.





### Technology and services

1. Tracking devices and smart watches

2. Security

3. Travel companion services

4. Airline and airport websites



# Global harmonization through regulation

- 1. Align self disclosure regulations
- 2. Universal airport requirements for the built environment
- 3. Universal gate pass regulations
- 4. Ease of website information

