Airlines and ticket sellers are required to by law to do "full-fare advertising"—showing the full base airfares to consumers, including all taxes. This helps consumers make informed choices as soon as they begin shopping for flights.

But there is an airline-sponsored effort underway in the House to repeal that protection. The Real Transparency in Airfares Act protects consumers by maintaining the full-fare advertising rule and doubling penalties for violators.

The Real Transparency in Airfares Act:

Maintains the existing requirement that ticket sellers show the full cost of airfare up front, including all taxes.

Doubles the penalty for violations of this rule, from a current $27,500 maximum per day to a $55,000 maximum per day.

Does not alter the existing penalties for small businesses

Myth vs Fact on the #RealAirfares Act

MYTH
The House's "Transparent" Airfares Act would help consumers

FACT
The only thing transparent about the House bill is that it's a transparent attempt to mislead consumers

MYTH
The House bill is necessary so flyers will know how much they pay in federal taxes for an airline ticket

FACT
Airlines are already allowed to list out federal taxes separately, as long as they give consumers the full price alongside it

MYTH
The House bill will help travelers better understand the cost of flying

FACT
The House bill will allow airlines to hide the full cost of flying in pop-up ads or separate windows