Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of eliminating pre-departure COVID-19 testing for passengers traveling to the United States. We have made great progress in understanding and combatting COVID-19 over the past two years, and it is now past time to safely return normalcy and efficiency to international travel.

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) order, "Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Air Passengers Arriving in the United States," has mandated pre-departure testing one calendar day prior to flying into our country. With worldwide COVID-19 levels declining and an array of widely available vaccines and treatments, America remains behind the curve as foreign governments are already making science-supported decisions to end these mandates.

Continued pre-departure testing maintains an unnecessary barrier that discourages travel and burdens passengers with the additional cost and hassle of taking a test, with no demonstrable benefit. The travel industry and our small businesses, as well as Americans and their loved ones abroad, have all felt the impacts of these restrictions.

We strongly encourage your Administration to eliminate the burdensome pre-departure testing requirements to travel to the United States. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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