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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas,

We write to you to urge the Department of Homeland Security to drop the current COVID-19 vaccine mandate in place for persons traveling to the United States from Canada by land, air, and sea ports of entry. Removal of this policy is long overdue, and we have reached a collective point where it is safe for international travel, business and personal, to once again be unhindered by outdated health mandates.

Recently, the Government of Canada's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that "starting October 1, 2022, all COVID-19 border requirements, including vaccination...and any testing requirements and quarantine/isolation requirements will end for all travellers entering Canada whether by land, air or sea."¹ Prime Minister Trudeau recognizes the tangible economic and cultural benefits of being able to freely travel between the United States and Canada; there are a myriad of products and services for which we are reliant on one another.

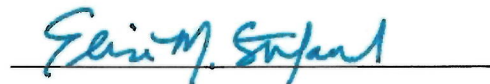
In northern border states, and districts like those we represent, the ability to move products back and forth between the United States and Canada is of paramount necessity, so that the industries that sustain our economies will be able to obtain the materials and products needed to continue operating. This vaccine mandate, and the travel delays that accompany it, are hurting American producers and industries.

It is for these reasons that we once again strongly urge the Department to remove this mandate and reopen the United States' northern border for business. We look forward to working with you and the Department to rectify this issue.

Sincerely,



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¹ Travel to Canada: Requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travellers



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