



## United States Senate

June 29, 2020

The Honorable Steve Dickson, Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Dickson:

I write to urge you to implement a mandatory mask policy for all airport and airline employees and passengers as cases of coronavirus continue to surge. I ask that you issue guidance as soon as possible so passengers can have a clear understanding of the requirements and so that we may reduce exposure for workers and travelers alike.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend a comprehensive strategy to protect oneself from exposure to coronavirus while traveling on public transit, including the use of a mask, since social distancing is oftentimes not manageable on a crowded bus, train, or plane. As the research regarding mask effectiveness continues to evolve, the World Health Organization (WHO) updated its guidance on June 5<sup>th</sup> to specifically cite public transportation as an important part of these guidelines. Organizations, such as the Airports Council International, have said publicly that they would welcome such rules.

While some transit agencies and airlines have implemented mandatory mask guidance for the public, reports indicate that the patchwork of rules have only sowed confusion among passengers. Therefore, I ask that you issue clear, nationwide, mandatory mask requirements for all aviation employees and travelers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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