



United States Senate

June 29, 2020

The Honorable K. Jane Williams, Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Williams,

I write to urge you to implement a mandatory mask policy for all public transit 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 5th to specifically cite public transportation as an important part of these guidelines.

While some transit agencies have already 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 public transit 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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