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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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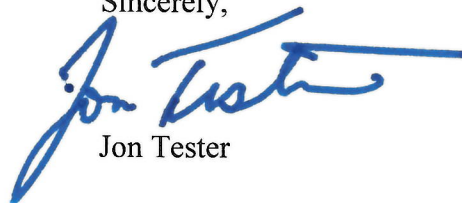
Secretary Mayorkas:

I write today to once again strongly urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to end the vaccination mandate for truck drivers from Canada and other travelers entering into the United States through land ports of entry. Recent reports indicate that the Canadian government is planning to terminate its vaccination requirements for Americans and other noncitizens entering the country in the coming days. It is past time for America to do the same.

Truck drivers and the goods they transport are the lifeblood of our economy. This is especially true in northern border states, like Montana, that have a special trading relationship with Canada. Fertilizer, hay, and other agricultural products from Canada are critical for farmers and ranchers in Montana and across America. Vaccine mandates for truck drivers, along with reduced hours at ports of entry, longer drive times, and a shortage of truck drivers are making it harder and more expensive for American farmers and ranchers to get the products they need.

I urge DHS to end the vaccine mandate for truck drivers and other travelers entering the United States, and to work with Canadian officials to end all mandates in a coordinated fashion. This will prevent unnecessary confusion, increase trade, and boost economies on both sides of the northern border. I stand ready to assist DHS in taking this step to fully reopen the northern border.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester