

# United States Senate

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
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Washington, D.C. 20016

Secretary Mayorkas:

I write today to urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to end the vaccination mandate for truck drivers from Canada and other travelers entering into the U.S. through land ports of entry, and to fully reopen the U.S.-Canada border to pre-pandemic operations. We must continue to support trade across our borders to help lower costs for all Americans and support American businesses.

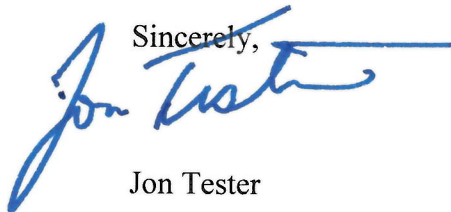
Earlier this month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lifted the COVID-19 testing requirements for international travelers entering the United States by air. While I believe this is step in the right direction, there is more work to do to address barriers related to entering our country. This announcement does not affect DHS vaccination requirements for individuals entering the United States through land ports of entry, which continues to be a burden to businesses and consumers in Montana.

We have made significant progress in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic, and I continue to encourage all individuals to get vaccinated. However, we must also work to address inflation and improve the economy. That's why I am concerned about continued restrictions for land travel that disproportionately affect truck drivers from Canada who are responsible for bringing food, farm inputs, and other vital goods into the United States. I believe removing these restrictions for truck drivers and increasing trade with our neighbors is key to improving our supply chain and decreasing inflation.

Lastly, I continue to urge DHS to open all land ports of entry along the U.S.-Canada border to pre-pandemic hours. Canada is Montana's top international trading partner. Expanding the hours of operations, implementing summer hours, and restoring 24-hour operations at major ports will help farmers, ranchers, and small business owners from Plentywood to Eureka.

Reducing restrictions on international travel and restoring hours of operations at our land ports of entry will help the American economy stay strong. I stand ready to assist DHS in fully reopening the northern border, increasing trade, and improving our economy and national security.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester