

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D.  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
1600 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30333

Administrator Steve Dickson  
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
800 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Director Redfield and Administrator Dickson:

Thank you for mandating that all flyers from the United Kingdom test negative before flying into the United States. However, this needs to be the case, at minimum, for all flights within and into the United States.

While I understand that this decision was made to counter a new and more transmissible SARS-COV-2 variant that originated in the United Kingdom, it is clear that the pandemic respects no borders. This variant has already been found in Ontario, Canada and because our surveillance testing is far from comprehensive, it is possibly already present in the United States.

I urge you to do the least and require negative tests for all flights within and into the United States. I would encourage you to also consider a more meaningful quarantine and post-flight test regime for international travelers like other countries are employing.

Sincerely,

