

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Robert R. Redfield
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Administration
1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

The Honorable Steven Dickson
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave., S. W.
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Director Redfield and Administrator Dickson,

I write with concern over the coronavirus and the five recently confirmed and several unconfirmed travel-related cases in the United States and its potential effects to air travel. While the immediate risk to the U.S. public is low, I write to inquire about contingency plans for air travel restrictions if the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), public health experts, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) deem such restrictions necessary.

The Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport is the 17th busiest U.S. airport for passengers and the second largest hub for Delta Air Lines. With over 100,000 average passengers traveling through MSP every day and over 38 million travelers annually, there is concern in Minnesota about any future travel restrictions.

Businesses in Minnesota and around our country rely on regular travel between our nation and many of those nations affected, including China. While I appreciate your work in protecting public health, I think it is important to remain calm while being vigilant. As soon as possible, please provide the Minnesota delegation with any contingency plans your organizations have in response to this growing public health concern. As you know, an update would be helpful for the many companies and businesses that rely on air travel.

Thank you for providing up to date information and your continued work to protect public health.

Sincerely,



Dean Phillips
Member of Congress