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The Honorable Kristi Noem
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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Noem and Secretary Rubio,

I write today to express serious concern about your Departments' handling of travelers' constitutional rights. I urge you to restore the rights of the one million travelers who routinely enter the United States each day, including both American citizens and international visitors.

Over the past couple months, there have been numerous troubling reports of due process violations, mistreatment, prolonged questioning and detention, lengthy visa interview wait times, visa revocations, and arbitrary denials of entry of visitors and returning residents of the United States. This has turned ordinary travel into a needlessly grueling ordeal for tourists, business travelers, lawfully permanent residents, and U.S. citizens. In fact, I have received significant outreach from my constituents, wrecked with panic, about how difficult it is to travel to and from the United States. They are seeking greater reassurance from the U.S. Government that their rights will be upheld and have requested that I work with your Departments to facilitate timely improvements.

Your Departments' recent changes in approaches to international travelers has left many countries around the world, including long-standing allies, to issue warnings to their citizens against travel to the United States. Law-abiding noncitizens are now expressing concerns with travel to and from the United States, and have either canceled travel plans or refrained from making them. Not only is this extremely embarrassing for our nation, this will lead to a noticeable decline in travel to the United States, and will lead to a loss in American jobs, a loss in profits for U.S. businesses, and a loss in revenue for the United States. With the Trump administration also openly considering a travel ban to impose restrictions on 43 countries, I am seriously concerned that the treatment of travelers by your Departments will worsen.

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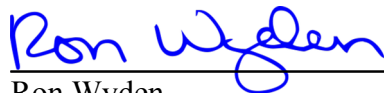
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The United States is slated to host three major international sporting events in the coming years. These events should be a boon for local economies and the broader U.S. economy, but your actions toward travelers will jeopardize their success. The 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup is expected to be the largest sporting event in U.S. history, likely bringing five million international visitors and generating \$5 billion in expected economic activity. Similarly, the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic games are expected to generate an additional \$5 billion in economic activity for the United States.

Ahead of these events, your Departments will experience a significant increase in travelers seeking entry to the United States, to include extraordinary athletes, support staff, government officials, journalists, business owners, and spectators. If your harsh and unnecessary approaches to travelers continue, foreign-born athletes who have spent their whole lives training for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity may be unable to travel to the United States to participate in these games. Even foreign-born athletes who proudly and lawfully compete for the United States are hesitant to travel for these events, as they are afraid of how they will be treated by your Departments. If these remarkable athletes cannot compete, their enthusiastic fans, including U.S. citizens, will be deeply disappointed and unwilling to attend these games. All of this will once again lead to a loss in revenue for U.S. businesses and further damage the reputation of the United States.

The United States has been preparing for these sporting events for years — billions of dollars are being spent — and your Departments should be working to ensure their success. Your Departments' policies and practices must uphold travelers' rights and maintain the security interests of the United States — these are not mutually exclusive. I therefore ask that you immediately cease activities that harm the constitutional rights of travelers, which in turn harm the U.S. economy, and rectify your practices to support the needs of those traveling to and from our country.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
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