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March 6, 2020

Robert R. Redfield, M.D., Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road
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Dear Dr. Redfield,

I write today to urge you to immediately issue coronavirus guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to set the policy that all passengers coming to the United States from Italy, South Korea, Iran and any other high-risk nations should be screened at the airport as we are doing for those traveling from China. These nations have already been designated as Level 3 Travel Health Notice countries along with China—yet unlike China, the CDC has not implemented airport screening for passengers returning from these countries.

I have been deeply disturbed by news reports stating that we are not screening passengers returning from Italy, South Korea, or Iran nor providing them with needed information about CDC's recommendation that they self-isolate and follow other critical protocols. It presents a significant risk to our community if travelers do not self-isolate or follow the other protocols that the CDC recommends. But without comprehensive screening and guidance by American personnel at our airports, many travelers may not know of this guidance.

I am proud to have just voted to provide \$8.3 billion in new funding to ensure that you, as well as our states, cities, and medical providers, have the resources you need to combat this outbreak. I stand ready to do whatever else is needed to prepare my community and our nation to manage this public health emergency.

I know you join me in feeling a real sense of urgency regarding managing the spread of coronavirus and so again I urge you to act without delay to expand airport screening to include all high-risk countries to protect the American people.

Sincerely,



Max Rose
Member of Congress