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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

I write to ask the State Department to promptly issue guidance on the U.S. course of action for the repatriation of U.S. citizens and permanent residents currently stranded outside of the United States due to rapidly changing travel conditions as a result of COVID-19.

As nations around the world respond to the threat of COVID-19 and shut down borders and airports, many Americans are unable to return home. I ask that the Department of State establish a Task Force dedicated to their repatriation, and provide logistical support, charter flights if necessary, on-site screening and medical treatment, and domestic quarantine capabilities, as needed, for U.S. citizens and permanent residents currently abroad and unable to return home on commercial options. Germany and Canada have begun to provide guidance and support for these efforts, and I encourage the U.S. government to do the same as soon as possible.

Thank you for your urgent consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator