

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State

## URGENT MATTER – PLEASE REVIEW AND RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

Secretary Pompeo,

My office has been working tirelessly over the past 10 days, directly assisting hundreds of Americans in their efforts to repatriate from locations around the globe. In particular, we have large numbers of Wisconsinites whom we are assisting in Peru, Honduras, and Guatemala. We have learned from our constituents that there may be hundreds of American citizens stranded in each country.

We understand that our consular teams at our U.S. embassies and consulates abroad are currently stretched thin, working under extreme pressure to respond to unprecedented demands to assist the U.S. citizens stranded abroad. However, our constituents are growing both frustrated and scared, especially as rumors continue to swirl locally about a pending lockdown in these nations that would strand these travelers indefinitely. The lack of commercial flight options upsets them further. They are seeing other nations secure departures for their citizens but have heard little from our embassies and consulates about options that might be made available to U.S. citizens. The individuals we are assisting have indicated that they are more than willing to pay their air travel expenses, if necessary, in exchange for being transported home.

I wanted to bring this important and urgent matter to your personal attention. **I would most respectfully ask that you give your full, fair and immediate consideration (in a manner consistent with all laws, rules and regulations) to any effort that can be made to arrange air transport and departure approval for the many Americans stranded abroad, and particularly in Peru, Honduras, and Guatemala (which is where our office is seeing the largest concentration of American citizens stranded).**

You are welcome to contact Danyell Tremmel of my staff if you have any questions or require further information. She can be reached at 608-530-2117 or via e-mail at:

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These Americans are scared, desperate and running out of hope. I hope you will give your fullest and immediate consideration to this request, and I appreciate your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Ron Johnson