



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 21, 2020

The Honorable Mark Morgan
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20229

Acting Commissioner Morgan,

Thank you for your hard work keeping our border secure during these uncertain times. I write to you today to ask several questions about the plan to reopen the U.S.-Canada border.

Recently, it was announced that the U.S.-Canada border would remain closed for at least another month, until June 21, 2020. As we reopen the economy, it is important that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have plans in place to reopen normal trade and commerce between the U.S. and Canada.

Canada is a vital trading partner for Montana. Cross border trade and travel is a big economic driver for my state. During the height of the pandemic CBP restricted border crossing to essential travel to reduce the transmission of the virus across the border. Now that many states across the country are reopening, I wish to know what the plan is for reopening the border between the U.S. and Canada.

My questions are as follows:

1. What is the plan and recovery criteria to for reopening the U.S.-Canada border?
2. What steps are you taking to work with our Canadian partners to craft a solution that works for both sides?
3. Would there be any plans for a state and specific province opening?

Reopening the border between the U.S. and Canada is an important step towards to economic recovery in Montana. Having a plan in place ahead of time will allow for a smooth reopening. Thank you for your consideration of my questions.

Sincerely,

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Greg Gianforte
Member of Congress