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Extending the requirement for proof of covid-19 vaccination for noncitizen, nonimmigrant air passengers is an unnecessary mandate. Not only is Covid-19 no longer the health threat that it was years ago, current scientific data reveals that the covid-19 vaccinations DO NOT eliminate the transmission of covid-19 and are therefore unnecessary restrictions that not only impede travel but put continue to put undue limitations and strain on the economic survival of every business reliant on tourism. Such requirements also negatively impact social relationships and increase emotional stress for those it unfairly impacts. Such mandates are divisive, cause emotional turmoil, and have negative mental health consequences for Americans whose social circles, both friends and family, reside outside the U.S. By continuing such mandates, the U.S. is aligning itself with the increasingly small number of countries where citizens' freedoms are restricted by unnecessary government overreach. The basis for such mandates is centered on outdated scientific data and instead serves to decrease economic health while serving to aid in further supply chain issues. The function of open borders for the conduction of business necessary to a healthy economy are also negatively impacted. These mandates do not align with the values of a country that is constitutionally founded on the rights and freedoms of its people. These mandates punish American citizens, as well as those with ties to Americans. Maintaining such freedom inhibiting requirements will cause countries around the globe to view the U.S. as behind on the current scientific data on covid-19 transmission, as well as the most recent revelation that the vaccines do not eliminate transmission. These mandates do not align with the values of the U.S., being democratic country that values the freedom of its citizens. The U.S. should be acting as a model of a democratic country, where freedoms are welcomed and decisions related to personal medical freedom of choice are based on current scientific data.