

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0536

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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

The Honorable Thomas R. Frieden  
Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Acting Administrator Huerta and Director Frieden:

In a study released this week, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranked Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) second in the nation for the potential to spread a pandemic contagion. As a Member who represents constituents near LAX, this is of great concern to me.

In light of the emergence of SARS and H1N1 in the last decade, **I am writing to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have a proactive plan to stop the spread of a pandemic to the United States in the event of the outbreak of a new virus overseas.**

I trust you will be working with LAX Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey and her counterparts around to country in encouraging their airports to include in their plans a protocol for coordinating with each other in the event of a global pandemic outbreak. Those airports with the highest contagion-spread risk – “global superspreaders” – such as New York’s Kennedy International and LAX should ensure that their pandemic plans complement each other and include steps to communicate and coordinate with one another.

We cannot afford to be caught unaware if and when a pandemic threatens our country. I urge you move as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Janice Hahn  
Member of Congress