



AMERICAN CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE IN NORWAY

Ministry of Justice and Public Security
Attn: Minister of Justice and Public Security Monica Mæland
PO Box 8005 Dep
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Dear Minister Mæland,

Central to the American Chamber of Commerce in Norway's (AmCham) work in support of international business interests in Norway is our dedication to bolstering transatlantic ties through increased investment, advanced sharing of best practices, and the flow of crucial resources. We respectfully submit this letter in support of the Government's intention to follow the EU guidelines on third country travel¹, viewing it as a definitive step toward successful reopening and stimulation of the economy.

As representatives of multinational companies and US business interests, our members are disproportionately impacted by recent travel and quarantine restrictions. As such, we were pleased to see the United States included in the EU's list of third countries from which travel restrictions should be lifted². This is crucial to restoring the strong transatlantic relationship that Norway shares with its third largest trading partner outside of the EU, and top source of foreign direct investment outside of the EU³.

We understand well the importance and deep impact that the flow of workers and goods has on the health of a trading relationship, as well as how equally important this safe, unimpeded movement is to the 2 500 Norwegian students studying in the US⁴. With 46,3% of the total population of the US being fully vaccinated, including 57% of those over 18, we encourage the Norwegian Government to follow the EU's guidance to ease travel restrictions from the United States.

As always, we are happy to meet or discuss any of these issues at your convenience, and sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marit Schroeder
Member & Government Affairs Manager

¹ https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/trygge_rammer/id2862254/

² <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

³ <https://amcham.no/foreign-multinationals-in-norway-report/>

⁴ <https://data.lanekassen.no/statistikk/temasider/hoeyere-utdanning-i-utlandet/#Gradsstudenter-per-land>