



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

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Jax Bari


Dear Jax:

Thank you for taking the time to write. I am inspired by young people like you who are sharing your personal experiences and engaging on working to make transportation more accessible to everyone – and for good reason, because the decisions made today will impact your generation most. As Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, I am doing all that I can to build America's infrastructure and economy back better than ever before.

I appreciate you raising the topic of gluten-free food served on airplanes, at airports, and at highway rest stops. I have shared your story and comments on current food options with members of my team who work with airlines, airports, and rest stops.

As you may know, the U.S. Department of Transportation is a vast agency—encompassing nearly 55,000 employees who are responsible for everything from transit and highways to pipeline safety and commercial space travel. I want you to know that my colleagues and I are working day in and day out to protect the safety of the American people, to rise to the climate challenge, to make sure transportation is an engine of opportunity for all, and to ensure our country's economic strength and global competitiveness for generations to come.

Your voice and activism are important to those efforts. Thank you again, for the work you put into your letter and taking the initiative to speak up.

Sincerely,


Pete Buttigieg