



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2020

The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

We write to reiterate our ongoing concern over the more than 1,700 U.S. citizens stranded in Peru, and ask that efforts to charter planes to evacuate these Americans be accelerated. We also ask that you instruct Ambassador Krishna Urs and Consul Thomas Wallis to proactively reach out to stranded Americans, especially the more that 700 Americans stuck in the Andean town of Cusco, and communicate a concrete plan of action and timetable to them.

We note that the Mexican Government has announced detailed plans for the evacuation of Mexican citizens from Cusco, including the order of priority among evacuees.

Our constituents have repeatedly expressed concerns to us over the lack of communication from our Embassy, and an overall feeling of abandonment. Some of these sentiments are expressed in the Facebook group “Americans Stuck in Peru,” while others are conveyed via concerned family members contacting our offices directly.

To assist in the outreach efforts, we attach names of particular constituents of whom we are aware, by state, as well as additional identifying information which we have. Of course, there are many more who need your help.

Amid the press of so many concerns prompted by the coronavirus pandemic, we appreciate the efforts undertaken thus far on behalf of our citizens abroad, but nonetheless ask that you reassure trapped Americans and their families that their needs are being prioritized.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress

STEVE CHABOT
Member of Congress

JOHN CURTIS
Member of Congress

cc: Ambassador Krishna R. Urs and Consul Thomas Wallis