

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.119

Senator Barrett offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to call for an immediate end to public
2 transportation mask mandates.

3 Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 relaxed most mask mandates on February 25, 2022. Most states have
5 done the same and eliminated mask requirements for indoor dining,
6 schools, and other indoor settings. However, mandates remain in
7 effect for passengers of certain types of public transportation;
8 and

9 Whereas, Remaining mask mandates place an undue burden on
10 those who use public transportation. Many individuals use public
11 transportation to commute to work. Without a mask, they may be
12 denied a ride, putting their employment and livelihood at risk.
13 Further, users of public transportation fear fines and federal

1 repercussions if they simply forget a mask or choose not to wear
2 one; and

3 Whereas, Removing the federal mask mandate respects an
4 individual's right to determine for themselves if they choose to
5 wear a mask; and

6 Whereas, With direction from the President of the United
7 States and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
8 federal Transportation Security Administration has extended the
9 face mask requirement for public transportation through April 18,
10 2022. This mandate is neither reflective of scientific guidance nor
11 consistent with other mask policies. Airline and public
12 transportation authorities should follow the pattern of relaxation
13 of mandates across the country; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the Senate, That we call for an immediate end to
15 public transportation mask mandates; and be it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
17 President of the United States, the Administrator of the federal
18 Transportation Security Administration, and the Director of the
19 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.