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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “USMCA Travel and  
5 Tourism Resiliency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

(1) NORTH AMERICA.—The term “North America” means the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

## 7 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

14 (2) the United States is a global leader in the  
15 trade of travel and tourism services;

16 (3) according to the Bureau of Economic Anal-  
17 ysis of the Department of Commerce, travel and  
18 tourism was the top services export of the United  
19 States in 2024, which—

20 (A) accounted for 19 percent of all United  
21 States services exports and 7 percent of all  
22 United States exports;

23 (B) were worth approximately  
24 \$214,000,000,000; and

1 (C) supported an approximate  
2 \$35,000,000,000 trade surplus;

3 (4) Canada and Mexico are important trading  
4 partners for the travel and tourism economy of the  
5 United States, typically accounting for approxi-  
6 mately half of international visitations to the United  
7 States;

8 (5) Canada is the top source of international  
9 visitors to the United States, with approximately  
10 20,400,000 visits in 2024, generating approximately  
11 \$20,500,000,000 in spending and supporting ap-  
12 proximately 140,000 jobs in the United States;

13 (6) Mexico is another top source of inter-  
14 national visitors to the United States, generating bil-  
15 lions of dollars for the economy of the United States  
16 and supporting thousands of jobs in the United  
17 States;

18 (7) it is in the interest of people in the United  
19 States to travel efficiently and openly to Canada and  
20 Mexico;

21 (8) the USMCA underpins much of trade in  
22 North America and provides an important channel  
23 for discussions and activities that further the com-  
24 petitiveness and economic growth of the United  
25 States; and

1 (9) the establishment of a Travel and Tourism  
2 Trade Working Group under the USMCA would  
3 help to support the continued growth of the tourism  
4 industry in North America and the good-paying jobs  
5 that industry supports.

6 SEC. 4. JOINT REVIEW NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE FOR ES-  
7 TABLISHMENT OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM  
8 WORKING GROUP.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of  
10 section 611 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agree-  
11 ment Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 4611), during the  
12 first joint review (as defined in that section) conducted  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Trade Rep-  
14 resentative shall advocate for the establishment of a Trav-  
15 el and Tourism Trade Working Group under the USMCA  
16 (in this section referred to as the “Working Group”) that  
17 complies with the requirements of this section.

18 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (A) the Office of the United States Trade  
5 Representative;

6 (B) the Department of Commerce;

7 (C) the Department of State;

8 (D) the Department of Homeland Security;

9 (E) the Department of the Interior;

10 (F) the Department of Labor;

11 (G) the Department of Transportation;

12 and

(H) such other agencies or departments as the President considers appropriate.

15 (c) INPUT AND ADVICE.—

1                   (d) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall—

2                   (1) engage in discussions and pursue activi-  
3                   ties—

4                   (A) to enhance the international competi-  
5                   tiveness of the travel and tourism industry in  
6                   North America;

7                   (B) to increase North American exports of  
8                   travel and tourism services; and

9                   (C) to create employment and economic  
10                  growth in North America through those ex-  
11                  ports; and

12                  (2) provide a forum for the United States, Mex-  
13                  ico, and Canada—

14                  (A) to exchange information on issues im-  
15                  pacting travel and tourism in North America;

16                  (B) to collaborate, when possible, on poli-  
17                  cies impacting travel and tourism in North  
18                  America, including with respect to interconti-  
19                  nental travel and facilitating broader inter-  
20                  national visitation; and

21                  (C) to consider the development of initia-  
22                  tives that can further enhance the competitive-  
23                  ness of travel and tourism in North America.

24                  (e) MEETINGS.—The Working Group shall meet not  
25                  less frequently than annually.

## 1        (f) BRIEFINGS AND CONSULTATION.—

2                (1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Govern-  
3        ment representatives of the Working Group shall  
4        regularly brief and consult the appropriate commit-  
5        tees of Congress on the activities of the Working  
6        Group.7                (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS  
8        DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-  
9        priate committees of Congress” means—10                (A) the Committee on Finance and the  
11        Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
12        portation of the Senate; and13                (B) the Committee on Ways and Means  
14        and the Committee on Energy and Commerce  
15        of the House of Representatives.