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To direct the United States Trade Representative to prioritize the formation of a working group on travel and tourism during the next joint review conducted under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives 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 (1) NORTH AMERICA.—The term “North Amer-
2 ica” means the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

3 (2) USMCA.—The term “USMCA” has the
4 meaning given that term in section 3 of the United
5 States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation
6 Act (19 U.S.C. 4502(9)).

7 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

9 (1) the travel and tourism industry is an inte-
10 gral part of the economy of the United States, worth
11 approximately \$1,300,000,000,000 and supporting
12 approximately 15,000,000 jobs in the United States
13 in 2024, according to the U.S. Travel Association;

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.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Working Group shall be
20 co-chaired by representatives of the government of
21 each of the United States, Canada, and Mexico and
22 shall be comprised of officials responsible for issues
23 related to travel and tourism.

1 (2) UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION.—With
2 respect to the United States, the Working Group
3 shall be composed of representatives from—

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

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

15 (c) INPUT AND ADVICE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Working Group shall
17 seek input and advice from representatives of the
18 travel and tourism industry on current and emerging
19 issues that impact travel and tourism in North
20 America.

21 (2) UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION.—With
22 respect to the United States, representatives for
23 which input and advice is sought under paragraph
24 (1) shall include the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advi-
25 sory Board.

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; and

13 (B) the Committee on Ways and Means
14 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
15 of the House of Representatives.