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To assist trafficking survivors who lack government issued identification in accessing air travel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. MORAN) 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 “Jimmy Deal Traf-
5 ficking Survivors Assistance Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
9 tion” means the Transportation Security Adminis-
10 tration.

1 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
3 tation Security Administration.

4 (3) AIRPORT.—The term “airport” has the
5 meaning given the term “air carrier airport” in sec-
6 tion 47102 of title 49, United States Code (as in ef-
7 fect on May 1, 2024).

8 (4) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human
9 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe
10 forms of trafficking in persons” in section 103 of
11 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
12 U.S.C. 7102).

13 (5) RESPONSIBLE PARTY.—The term “respon-
14 sible party” means an individual who is eligible
15 under the policies of the relevant air carrier to pick
16 up a minor at the destination airport.

17 (6) SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “service
18 provider” means a nonprofit organization that pro-
19 vides services to individuals who are victims of
20 human trafficking, including—

21 (A) emergency services, such as shelter,
22 food, clothing, and transportation;

23 (B) case management or wrap-around
24 services;

1 (C) mental health care or other medical
2 services; and

3 (D) legal services.

4 (7) TSPoC.—The term “TSPoC” means a
5 Trafficking Survivor Point of Contact designated
6 under section 3.

7 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS TO ASSIST TRAF-**
8 **FICKING SURVIVORS WITH AIR TRAVEL.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall,
11 at each airport where the Administration provides for
12 screening of passengers and property in accordance with
13 section 44901 of title 49, United States Code—

14 (1) establish the position of Trafficking Sur-
15 vivor Point of Contact; and

16 (2) designate as a TSPoC an individual who—

17 (A) is an employee of the Administration;
18 and

19 (B) holds the position of passenger support
20 specialist within the Administration.

21 (b) DUTIES.—A TSPoC shall—

22 (1) liaise and establish relationships with serv-
23 ice providers; and

24 (2) assist airport security screening and travel
25 procedures for survivors of human trafficking, as de-

1 scribed in section 4, upon receiving a request made
2 through the TSA Cares program; and

3 (3) if applicable, assist a service provider with
4 the submission of a formal request for travel assist-
5 ance through the TSA Cares program.

6 (c) TRAINING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the designation of a TSPoC under subsection (a),
9 such TSPoC shall review training materials on
10 human trafficking, trauma-informed approaches to
11 working with survivors of sexual assault or violence,
12 and post-traumatic stress disorder made available by
13 the Department of Homeland Security, including
14 any such training materials made available on a
15 website of the Department.

16 (2) PRIOR TRAINING.—The review of training
17 materials required by paragraph (1) shall be in addi-
18 tion to any prior training provided by the Adminis-
19 tration.

20 (d) ONLINE INFORMATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
22 the designation of TSPoCs under subsection (a), the
23 Administrator shall publish on a publicly accessible
24 website of the Administration, and shall keep up to
25 date, information about the TSA Cares program and

1 assistance that can be provided to a survivor of
2 human trafficking, including—

3 (A) the contact information for the TSA
4 Cares program;

5 (B) information on the services provided
6 by the TSPoCs; and

7 (C) a description of the processes for en-
8 gaging such services.

9 (2) PUBLICATION BY AIRPORT.—The airport at
10 which a TSPoC is stationed may publish on a pub-
11 licly accessible website of the airport the information
12 about the TSPoC and the TSA Cares program, as
13 provided by the Administration.

14 **SEC. 4. AIR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF**
15 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

16 (a) IDENTIFICATION ASSISTANCE.—At the request of
17 any service provider that is eligible to receive assistance
18 under this section and is arranging air travel for an indi-
19 vidual who is a survivor of human trafficking who does
20 not have the identification documents necessary for air
21 travel, a TSPoC (or a designee) shall—

22 (1) provide to such service provider information
23 regarding the process by which the Administration
24 will attempt to verify the identity of such individual

1 when the individual arrives at the screening check-
2 point;

3 (2) assist the service provider or the individual
4 with the submission of a formal request for travel
5 assistance through the TSA Cares program; and

6 (3) act as a liaison between personnel of the
7 Administration involved in the vetting process and
8 the individual to ensure that the individual—

9 (A) understands the vetting process; and

10 (B) is treated in a trauma-informed man-
11 ner.

12 (b) ELIGIBLE SERVICE PROVIDERS.—A service pro-
13 vider shall be eligible to receive assistance under this sec-
14 tion, if such service provider has provided to the TSA
15 Cares program—

16 (1) not fewer than 30 days prior to submitting
17 a request for assistance under this section, informa-
18 tion with respect to such service provider, includ-
19 ing—

20 (A) the name of the service provider;

21 (B) the physical address of the main office
22 or principal place of business of the service pro-
23 vider;

24 (C) the telephone number of the service
25 provider;

1 (D) the website, if available, of the service
2 provider; and

3 (E) the employer identification number of
4 the service provider; and

5 (2) confirmation that the service provider—

6 (A) is actively assisting an individual who
7 the service provider, in the professional judg-
8 ment of the service provider, has reasonably de-
9 termined to be a survivor of human trafficking;

10 (B) has assessed the travel needs of the in-
11 dividual;

12 (C) has or will purchase an air transpor-
13 tation ticket for the individual, if necessary;

14 (D) has arranged for a family member of
15 the individual, a representative of a service pro-
16 vider, or another individual to meet the indi-
17 vidual at the destination airport;

18 (E) with respect to any minor receiving as-
19 sistance from such service provider, is aware of
20 and will comply with all relevant air carrier
21 policies regarding travel for unaccompanied mi-
22 nors, including by—

23 (i) paying any fees required by such
24 air carrier or the Administration; and

1 (ii) ensuring that a responsible party
2 greets the minor at the arrival gate of the
3 destination airport; and

4 (F) will assist the individual in providing
5 any available information or documentation nec-
6 essary to verify the identity of the individual.

7 (c) TRAVEL PROCEDURES.—

8 (1) ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.—If
9 an individual described in subsection (a) is able to
10 have the identity of the individual verified by the
11 Administration—

12 (A) the TSPoC shall contact the TSPoC at
13 the destination of the individual to arrange for
14 such individual to be greeted by the TSPoC (or
15 a designee) at the destination airport; and

16 (B) on the date of the departing flight of
17 the individual, the TSPoC (or a designee) shall
18 accompany the individual—

19 (i) through all security screenings at
20 the airport; and

21 (ii) at the request of the individual, to
22 the departure gate of the flight.

23 (2) ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION AIRPORT.—Upon
24 the arrival at the destination airport of an individual
25 whose travel was arranged under paragraph (1), the

1 TSPoC (or a designee) at such airport shall meet
2 the individual at the arrival gate and accompany the
3 individual to a representative from a service provider
4 in the receiving community, a family member of the
5 individual, or such other individual designated by the
6 applicable service provider.

7 (d) WAIVER OF TSA CONFIRMID FEES.—If an indi-
8 vidual described in subsection (a) seeks to travel by air,
9 the Administrator shall waive any requirement to pay a
10 fee associated with the identity verification procedure for
11 the individual.