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# H. R. 7454

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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.

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