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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Restoring Northern
5 Border Travel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORING TRAVEL AT THE UNITED STATES-CAN-**
2 **ADA BORDER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
5 land Security shall expand the list of permitted essential
6 travel into the United States at land ports of entry along
7 the United States-Canada border to include the following
8 categories:

9 (1) An individual traveling to visit a member,
10 who is a United States citizen or permanent resi-
11 dent, of the immediate or extended family of such
12 individual.

13 (2) An individual traveling to visit property, in-
14 cluding boats, within the United States owned or
15 leased by such individual.

16 (3) An individual traveling to the United States
17 to attended business meetings or site-visits.

18 (4) An individual traveling directly to a United
19 States airport to board a flight to a United States
20 or international destination.

21 (b) PLAN FOR FULL REOPENING.—Not later than 20
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress and
24 begin implementation of a plan to fully restore non-
25 essential travel into the United States at land ports of
26 entry along the United States-Canada border.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to only
2 those restrictions (and the related relief sought in accord-
3 ance with this section) in place pursuant to section
4 318(b)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.
5 1318(b)(2)) at land ports of entry along the United
6 States-Canada border due to the COVID–19 public health
7 emergency as in effect on the date of the enactment of
8 this Act.

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