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To require a report on easing restrictions on or reopening the United States-Canada border to essential and non-essential travel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACOBS of New York introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Northern Border Re-
5 opening Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON EASING RESTRICTIONS ON OR REOPEN-**
2 **ING THE UNITED STATES-CANADA BORDER**
3 **TO ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State
7 and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
8 Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
9 ices, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security
10 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
11 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
12 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Foreign
13 Relations of the Senate a report on considerations relating
14 to easing restrictions on or reopening the United States-
15 Canada border to essential and non-essential travel, in-
16 cluding information relating to any correspondence or
17 communications between the Department of Homeland
18 Security and—

19 (1) the Department of State;

20 (2) any other Federal department or agency;

21 and

22 (3) counterparts of the Government of Canada.

23 (b) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—The report required
24 under subsection (a) shall also include information relat-
25 ing to—

1 (1) the report required pursuant to the January
2 21, 2021, Executive Order on “Promoting COVID-
3 19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel”, in
4 which President Biden directed members of the Cab-
5 inet to submit within 14 days a plan to implement
6 appropriate public health measures at land ports of
7 entry; and

8 (2) the Department of Homeland Security’s de-
9 liberations and input regarding easing restrictions
10 on or reopening the United States-Canada border,
11 including relating to—

12 (A) establishment of a bilateral plan for re-
13 storing travel between the United States and
14 Canada;

15 (B) consideration of a family travel exemp-
16 tion for the United States similar to what has
17 been implemented in Canada;

18 (C) policies for property owners to travel
19 to Canada;

20 (D) ensuring reasonable transit for United
21 States citizens and Canadian citizens through
22 United States-Canada boundary waters; and

23 (E) unilaterally so easing or reopening
24 such border.

1 (c) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply if be-
2 fore the date specified in subsection (a) the United States-
3 Canada border is reopened and functioning in the same
4 manner and to the same extent as such border was open
5 prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.