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H.R. 3341, The Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United States of America (VISIT USA) Act.

Creating jobs—and creating jobs fast—is a top priority for our country. In 2010, the U.S. travel and tourism industry employed over 7 million Americans in places as diverse as Hawaii and Upstate New York. It also contributed over \$1 trillion—or 2.8 percent—to our nation's GDP.

The President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness has said that reforming our visa process and making it easier for visitors from other countries to come to the U.S. without compromising our national security is a great way to create jobs quickly.

The VISIT USA Act is bipartisan legislation to do just that. By reforming the visa process and making other policy changes, the VISIT USA Act will help make it easier to visit the U.S.—*without significant new federal spending*—by:

- Allowing Chinese visitors access to 5-year multiple-entry visitors visas
- Allowing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to charge an extra fee to expedite the processing of a non-immigrant visa—and cover costs for other visa processing needs.
- Authorizing the Secretary of State to conduct a videoconference pilot program to conduct visa interviews for foreign nationals applying for visas.
- Creating a new “Canadian Retiree Visa” that allows eligible Canadian citizens to apply for new long-term visas.
- Permitting the State Department to lower visa application fees during off-peak seasons to incentivize visa applications when demand is lower.
- Allowing countries that are assisting the U.S. in fighting global terrorism the ability to qualify for the Visa Waiver Program, which allow citizens of selected countries the ability to travel in the U.S. more easily.
- Allowing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to add important foreign dignitaries to the global entry program on a “case-by-case” basis, such as international events like the Olympics and others.

Supporting Groups:

Discover America Partnership, Americans for Tax Reform, U.S. Travel Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Hotel and Lodging Association, U.S. Olympic Committee, UNITE-HERE, National Association of Homebuilders, National Restaurant Association