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

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Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BACON, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 2023”.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (C) mental health care or other medical
25 services; and

1 (D) legal services.

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

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

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

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

15 (2) designate as TSPoC an individual who—

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

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

20 (b) DUTIES.—A TSPoC shall—

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

23 (2) upon a request made via TSA Cares or di-
24 rect contact by a service provider that is eligible to

1 receive assistance under section 4, provide air travel
2 assistance as described in section 4.

3 (c) TRAINING.—

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

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

17 (d) ONLINE INFORMATION.—Not later than 30 days
18 after the designation of a TSPoC under subsection (a),
19 the airport at which such TSPoC is stationed shall publish
20 on a publicly available website of the airport—

21 (1) the contact information of the TSPoC;

22 (2) information on the services provided by the
23 TSPoC; and

24 (3) the processes for engaging such services, in-
25 cluding information about TSA Cares.

1 **SEC. 4. AIR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF**
2 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

3 (a) IDENTIFICATION ASSISTANCE.—At the request of
4 any service provider that is eligible to receive assistance
5 under this section and is arranging air travel for an indi-
6 vidual who is a survivor of human trafficking who does
7 not have the identification documents necessary for air
8 travel, a TPSoC shall—

9 (1) provide to such service provider information
10 regarding the process by which the Administration
11 will attempt to verify the identity of such individual
12 when the individual arrives at the screening check-
13 point;

14 (2) assist the service provider or the individual
15 with the submission of a formal request for travel
16 assistance via TSA Cares; and

17 (3) act as a liaison between the National Vet-
18 ting Center, other personnel of the Administration
19 involved in the vetting process, and the individual to
20 ensure that the individual—

21 (A) understands the vetting process; and

22 (B) is treated in a trauma-informed man-
23 ner.

24 (b) ELIGIBLE NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS.—
25 A service provider shall be eligible to receive assistance

1 under this section, if such service provider has provided
2 to the TSPoC—

3 (1) not fewer than 30 days prior to submitting
4 a request for assistance under this section, informa-
5 tion with respect to such service provider, includ-
6 ing—

7 (A) the name of the service provider;

8 (B) the physical address of the main office
9 or principal place of business of the service pro-
10 vider;

11 (C) the telephone number of the service
12 provider;

13 (D) the website, if available, of the service
14 provider; and

15 (E) the employer identification number of
16 the service provider; and

17 (2) confirmation that the service provider—

18 (A) is actively assisting an individual who
19 the service provider, in the professional judg-
20 ment of the service provider, has reasonably de-
21 termined to be a survivor of human trafficking;

22 (B) has assessed the travel needs of the in-
23 dividual;

24 (C) has or will purchase an airline ticket
25 for the individual, if necessary;

1 (D) has arranged for a family member of
2 the individual, a representative of a service pro-
3 vider, or another individual to meet the indi-
4 vidual at the destination airport;

5 (E) with respect to any minor receiving as-
6 sistance from such service provider, is aware of
7 and will comply with all relevant airline policies
8 regarding travel for unaccompanied minors, in-
9 cluding by—

10 (i) paying any fees required by such
11 airline; and

12 (ii) ensuring that a responsible party
13 greets the minor at the arrival gate of the
14 destination airport; and

15 (F) will assist the individual in providing
16 to the National Vetting Service any available in-
17 formation or documentation necessary to verify
18 the identify of the individual.

19 (c) TRAVEL PROCEDURES.—

20 (1) ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.—If
21 the Administrator permits an individual who is a
22 survivor of human trafficking to travel by air—

23 (A) the TSPoC shall contact the TSPoC at
24 the destination of the individual to arrange for

1 such individual to be greeted by the TSPoC, or
2 a designee, at the destination airport; and

3 (B) on the date of the departing flight of
4 the individual, the TSPoC, or a designee, shall
5 accompany the individual—

6 (i) through all security screenings at
7 the airport; and

8 (ii) at the request of the individual, to
9 the departure gate of the flight.

10 (2) ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION AIRPORT.—Upon
11 the arrival at the destination airport of an individual
12 whose travel was arranged under paragraph (1), the
13 TSPoC, or a designee, at such airport shall meet the
14 individual at the arrival gate and accompany the in-
15 dividual to a representative from a service provider
16 in the receiving community, a family member of the
17 individual, or such other individual designated by the
18 applicable service provider.

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