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To terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Travel Freedom Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATING CDC REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF**
2 **COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR FOREIGN TRAV-**
3 **ELERS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, the air travel vaccination requirement
6 for foreign travelers shall have no force or effect.

7 (b) **PROHIBITION ON FUNDING.**—Beginning on the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, no Federal funds may
9 be used to administer, implement, or enforce the air travel
10 vaccination requirement for foreign travelers.

11 (c) **AIR TRAVEL VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR**
12 **FOREIGN TRAVELERS.**—In this section, the term “air
13 travel vaccination requirement for foreign travelers” refers
14 to the requirement specified in—

15 (1) the order issued by the Director of the Cen-
16 ters for Disease Control and Prevention entitled
17 “Amended Order Implementing Presidential Procla-
18 mation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global
19 Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic” and pub-
20 lished in the Federal Register on April 7, 2022 (87
21 Fed. Reg. 20405 et seq.) for proof of COVID-19
22 vaccination for air travelers who are covered individ-
23 uals (as defined in such order); or

24 (2) any successor or subsequent order of the
25 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requir-
26 ing foreign persons traveling by air to show proof of

1 COVID–19 vaccination as a condition on entering
2 the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. TERMINATING REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF**
4 **COVID–19 VACCINATION FOR FOREIGN PER-**
5 **SONS ENTERING ALONG UNITED STATES-**
6 **CANADA BORDER.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
8 actment of this Act, the vaccination requirement for proc-
9 essing foreign travelers entering at land points of entry,
10 including ferry terminals, along the United States-Canada
11 border shall have no force or effect.

12 (b) PROHIBITION ON FUNDING.—Beginning on the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, no Federal funds may
14 be used to administer, implement, or enforce the vaccina-
15 tion requirement for processing foreign travelers entering
16 at land points of entry, including ferry terminals, along
17 the United States-Canada border.

18 (c) VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN
19 TRAVELERS ENTERING ALONG THE UNITED STATES-
20 CANADA BORDER.—In this section, the term “vaccination
21 requirement for processing foreign travelers entering at
22 land points of entry, including ferry terminals, along the
23 United States-Canada border” refers to the requirement
24 specified in—

1 (1) the decision issued by the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security and the Commissioner for U.S.
3 Customs and Border Protection entitled “Notifica-
4 tion of Temporary Travel Restrictions Applicable to
5 Land Ports of Entry and Ferries Service Between
6 the United States and Canada” and published in the
7 Federal Register on April 22, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg.
8 24048 et seq.) for proof of COVID–19 vaccination
9 for travelers who are covered individuals (as defined
10 in such order); or

11 (2) any successor or subsequent order of the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security or the Commis-
13 sioner for U.S. Customs and Border Protection for
14 the processing for entry into the United States for-
15 eign persons to show proof of COVID–19 vaccina-
16 tion as a condition on entering the United States,
17 unless determined necessary by Congress.

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