SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Senators Victory and Santana offered the following resolution:

A resolution to urge the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada to reopen the United States-Canadian border.

Whereas, In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the United States-Canadian border has been closed to nonessential travel since March 2020. As a result, traffic between the two nations has dropped dramatically, including on the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie, and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel; and

Whereas, The border closure has had significant economic implications for both countries. The American Travel Association estimated that the border closure has cost the American economy
$340 million per week. Travel restrictions have been estimated to have led to a loss of as many as half a million Canadian jobs. In Michigan, the loss of more than one million annual Canadian visitors has dramatically affected the state's $26 billion tourism sector; and

Whereas, The scientific evidence has shown that requiring travelers to be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test can effectively mitigate the risk of spreading or contracting COVID-19. In the United States, Americans that meet these requirements can travel overseas to vacation. There is no reason that these same protections cannot facilitate safe travel between the United States and Canada; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada to reopen the United States-Canadian border; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada.