

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Senators Victory and Santana offered the following resolution:

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

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

11 Whereas, The border closure has had significant economic
12 implications for both countries. The American Travel Association
13 estimated that the border closure has cost the American economy

1 \$340 million per week. Travel restrictions have been estimated to
2 have led to a loss of as many as half a million Canadian jobs. In
3 Michigan, the loss of more than one million annual Canadian
4 visitors has dramatically affected the state's \$26 billion tourism
5 sector; and

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

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

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