

KEY TRAVEL PRIORITIES

in the FY22 Omnibus

As of March 11, 2022

- **Brand USA:** Provides \$250 million in supplemental Brand USA funding, waiving the matching requirement for amounts provided above \$50 million. To offset the funding, the ESTA fee is extended from September 30, 2027 through October 31, 2028.
- **H-2B Visas:** Authorizes DHS to exempt returning H-2B workers from the statutory cap on H-2B visas.
- **Visa Processing:** Requires the State Department to create an action plan to address factors contributing to excessive visa application wait times. The State Department is also directed to submit a report to Congress analyzing the feasibility of increased interview waivers and the use of videoconferencing technology.
- **Consular Staffing:** Authorizes the State Department to use certain fee income and unspent funds from previous years to restore consular services, including visa interviews.
- **EDA:** Clarifies that ordinary EDA economic adjustment assistance funds can be used for travel promotion activities.
- **Alternative Fuel Corridors for Travel & Tourism:** Directs the Federal Highway Administration to designate future alternative fuel corridors in a way that supports travel and tourism traffic patterns and aligns with the National Travel and Tourism Infrastructure Strategic Plan.
- **Survey of International Air Travelers:** Increases funding for the Survey of International Air Travelers (SIAT) by \$1 million.
- **TSA Biometric Identification:** Directs TSA to provide a report to Congress detailing airports at which CAT is currently deployed, airports at which CAT is not currently deployed, and a plan for the full procurement and deployment of CAT systems at all of the Nation's airports.
- **TSA Security Screenings:** Provides \$131 million for computed tomography screening equipment and credential authentication and standoff detection technology.
 - Fully funds the Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response teams (VIPR), staffing at exit lanes, and the Law Enforcement Officer reimbursement program.
- **CBP Biometric Exit:** Directs DHS to provide an expenditure plan for accelerating the implementation of biometric exit.
- **CBP Staffing:** Directs CBP to ensure officers are appropriately deployed to large hub international airports and seaports in noncontiguous border states as passenger arrivals increase.
- **CBP Reimbursable Services Program:** Directs CBP to provide each port operator with information on baseline service levels and report to Congress quarterly on CBP's adherence to these baseline service levels.
- **National Park Service:** Increases National Park funding by \$142 million and authorizes the Interior Department to transfer funds to the Federal Highway Administration for National Park transportation projects.
- **FAA Sustainability Grants:** Supports the use of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds for the Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (VALE) programs. FAA is also encouraged to set aside at least \$25 million of discretionary AIP funds for ZEV and VALE.