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The Temporary Family Visitation Act

Supporting the Principle of Family Reunion, Addressing Visa Overstays, & Boosting the Economy

Purpose of the Legislation

The **Temporary Family Visitation Act (TFVA)** creates a new **B-3 nonimmigrant visa** category, allowing relatives of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to enter the U.S. temporarily for *family purposes*—such as weddings, funerals, religious observances, graduations, or caregiving emergencies.

Why TFVA Is Needed

TFVA addresses limitations in the B-2 visa process and reduces unintended immigration. Two recent Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports underscore deficiencies in the current visa system:

- [CRS- R43145 \(see p. 18\)](#): Highlights limitations on family-based travel under existing B-2 visa classifications and underscores the barriers relatives face when visiting U.S. relatives.
- [CRS-R47848 \(see p.46\)](#): Highlights TFVA as a policy solution to prevent visa overstays while legally facilitating low-risk family visits with detailed structural tools to improve compliance.

Safeguards Against Overstays

TFVA incorporates accountability and compliance mechanisms:

- 90-day annual limit on authorized admission.
- Declaration of financial support from a U.S. sponsor.
- Travel medical insurance required for the duration of the visit.
- Departure affirmation under penalty of perjury.
- Sponsor eligibility restricted if previous petitions resulted in overstays.
- No adjustment of status permitted during the visit; individuals in visa backlogs are still eligible for TFVA B-3 visa given they cannot change their status.
- Certification requirement for repeat petitioners, subject to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

These provisions guard against misuse while preserving the human imperative of reconnecting loved ones.

Legislative Viability & Bipartisan Endorsement

TFVA is not only compassionate — it's politically feasible:

- A version of TFVA was included in both the **Bipartisan Senate Border Security Supplemental bill** and the **Dignity Act**, affirming its viability and effectiveness as a targeted reform that reduces visa strains while safeguarding lawful processes.

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- These broader packages underscore TFVA's potential to help decongest immigrant visa pathways, reinforce visa compliance, and reunite families without undermining immigration enforcement.

Economic and Tourism Benefits

TFVA is also a tourism stimulant with measurable economic impact:

- According to the [U.S. Travel Association](#), each overseas traveler spends approximately \$5,000 during their visit to the United States and stays an average of 18 nights.
- Family visitors contribute to hospitality, retail, transportation, and local service sectors, generating economic activity in communities across the country.
- By creating a predictable and accessible visa pathway, TFVA encourages short-term international travel aligned with U.S. tourism goals.

Supporting Organizations

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