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The Honorable Ted Budd
Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation Subcommittee on Science,
Manufacturing, and Competitiveness
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
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254 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Chair Budd and Ranking Member Baldwin:

I write to request that the Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness, which has jurisdiction over matters related to tourism, hold a hearing in the upcoming months examining the state of the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

Travel and tourism related industries drive job creation and economic growth in states across America. As the U.S. prepares to host several major marquee and special events over the next few years – including America 250, the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the 2028 Summer Olympics, the 2031 Rugby World Cup, and the 2033 Women’s Rugby World Cup, in addition to annual events with a major international draw, such as the F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix – it is crucial that the Subcommittee leverage its jurisdiction over international tourism promotion to address potential challenges that host cities may face, study ways to support such communities, and highlight the essential economic benefits of attracting large, international events to the U.S.

As the former Chair of the Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion, I therefore respectfully request that the Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness hold a hearing to examine the state of the tourism industry and discuss policy measures Congress can take to support the industry and drive economic growth in our states. This hearing would also provide an opportunity to examine what current policy barriers exist to maximizing visitation to the U.S., discuss how Congress can strengthen its federal support for communities across the nation that depend on international tourism, review implementation of existing tourism laws like the Visit America Act provisions of the Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act, and highlight new legislation such as the AGRITOURISM Act, which seeks to promote tourism opportunities in rural areas.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working together on this matter.

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen
United States Senator

CC: U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Chair Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell