



## Jobs Originated through Launching Travel (JOLT) Act of 2019

**Congressional Bill Numbers:** H.R. 2187; there is no bill in the Senate.

**Status as of February 2020:** No action since [Exhibitions Day 2019](#).

### Why this matters to you:

- The JOLT Act will update and strengthen numerous programs related to the efficiency and volume of international inbound travel and help the U.S. regain share of the global travel market.
- Renaming the Visa Waiver Program to Secure Travel Partnership more accurately reflects the true meaning of this security program, making it less subject to political attack.
- Making it easier for international buyers or exhibitors to enter the country helps expand the shows marketplace
- Less staff time dealing with international buyers and visitors travel needs.

**Praise for co-sponsors:** Check to see if your legislators are among the co-sponsors we praise for support of H.R. 2187, The Jolt Act of 2019. Better yet, [reach out to thank them in writing](#) (and [let us know](#) when you do)!

- Sponsor: Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
- Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
- Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)
- Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)
- Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
- Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)
- Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV)
- Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL)
- Rep. Elaine Luria (D-VA)
- Rep. Scott H. Peters (D-CA)
- Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)
- Rep. Jefferson Van Drew (D-NJ)

**Our Call to Action:** We urge Congress to sign on to H.R. 2187 to support the vital role travel plays in supporting American job growth and the economy by signing the JOLT Act.



**Overview:** In 2019, the House introduced H.R. 2187, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international travel to the United States, and for other purposes. The JOLT Act provides flexibility to the Secretary of Homeland Security to admit new countries to the currently named Visa Waiver Program. It also renames the Visa Waiver Program to Secure Travel Partnership.

**Our Message:** The JOLT Act will update and strengthen numerous programs related to the efficiency and volume of international inbound travel and help the U.S. regain share of the global travel market.

- More than 1.2 million jobs across North America are directly supported by international inbound travel. For the U.S. to grow that number as well as regain and increase our share of the global travel market, it is important to improve and expand the programs we currently have in place.

**Additional resources:**

- [Track this bill or sign up for alerts](#) on Congress.gov
- [U.S. Travel Association applauds JOLT Act](#)