



# TEMPORARY FAMILY VISITATION ACT

Led by Rep. Scott Peters (CA-50) and Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-05)

**Problem:** Under current law, travelers who plan trips to the U.S. must apply for a B-2 tourism visitor visa. Before a visa is approved, applicants are interviewed to assess potential intent to overstay their visit and remain in the United States permanently. Factors considered include financial and personal ties to their home country, as well as any indicators a traveler would want to move to the U.S. indefinitely, such as family connections or employment opportunities within the U.S. This makes visa approval difficult for those who wish to visit their family solely for special, time-limited occasions; their applications are at a higher risk of denial simply because they have family ties in the United States.

**Summary:** The bill overcomes these hurdles by creating a new B-3 visa category. The terms of the visa are:

- Relatives of U.S. citizens and permanent residents would be eligible to apply (specifically spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews)
- Relatives limited to 90 day stay and sign a declaration under the penalty of perjury affirming their intent to leave at the conclusion of 90 days
- Not eligible to change visa status while here
- Requires the applicant to purchase travel medical insurance
- Requires a U.S. family member to submit a signed letter of financial support for the applicant
- Prohibits U.S. family members from sponsoring an applicant in the future if a previously sponsored relative overstayed their visa

**Endorsers:** PAAIA, Bienvenido, Iranian American Democrats of California, the Libre Initiative, National Immigration Forum, Niskanen Center, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA.



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