

PRECLEARANCE: SECURE & EFFICIENT BORDER CROSSINGS

EVERY DAY, APPROXIMATELY **400,000 PEOPLE** CROSS THE U.S.-CANADA BORDER.

Each year, Canadians make over 40 million trips to the U.S., spending over \$20 billion US across the country.

Preclearance allows U.S. customs and border personnel at foreign airports to screen passengers before they board a plane. In 2014, preclearance stopped over 10,000 inadmissible travelers before they departed from foreign soil.

PRECLEARANCE PUSHES SECURITY BEYOND THE BORDER

“I want to take every opportunity we have to push our homeland security out beyond our borders so that we are not defending the homeland from the one-yard line. **Preclearance is a win-win** for the traveling public.”

—DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson

Preclearance **improves the passenger experience** by streamlining security screening — meaning shorter wait times, faster boarding, and greater predictability for frequent travelers. Ideal for business travellers.

Foreign airports and train stations pay for preclearance, not U.S. taxpayers.

Most major Canadian airports have hosted U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers for several decades, and an agreement is in place between the U.S. and Canada to **expand preclearance** to additional Canadian airports and rail stations.

Bipartisan legislation is moving through Congress to authorize the agreement, the *Promoting Travel, Commerce, and National Security Act of 2016* (H.R. 4657, S. 2612). **Your help is needed** to ensure Congress passes it.

PRECLEARANCE IS GOOD FOR TRAVELERS, GOOD FOR BUSINESS, AND GOOD FOR NATIONAL SECURITY:

- Preclearance enables more direct flight options, faster connections, seamless baggage transfer, and shorter wait times for 98% of passengers.
- Preclearance makes international flights to regional airports feasible, facilitating additional tourism and direct foreign investment.
- Preclearance allows U.S. officials to identify and intercept potential risks before they can even board a plane. This means border officers can focus on known risks.



“This is a **landmark piece of legislation** for U.S. and Canadian relations and I look forward to helping move it through Congress.”

—Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION