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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reinstate the processing of applications for parole under the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CRIST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cuban Family Reunifi-
5 cation Parole Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF CUBAN FAMILY REUNIFICA-**
2 **TION PAROLE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
5 land Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State,
6 shall—

7 (1) begin to reinstate the processing of applica-
8 tions for parole under the Cuban Family Reunifica-
9 tion Parole Program at the United States Embassy
10 in Havana, Cuba; and

11 (2) prioritize applications described in para-
12 graph (1) in the order in which they were received
13 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
14 Services before the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (b) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—

17 (1) ASSIGNMENT.—To carry out subsection
18 (a)—

19 (A) the Secretary of Homeland Security
20 shall assign to the United States Embassy in
21 Havana, Cuba, appropriate personnel from the
22 United States Citizenship and Immigration
23 Services; and

24 (B) the Secretary of State, with the per-
25 mission of the Secretary of Homeland Security,
26 shall assign to the United States Embassy in

1 Havana, Cuba, appropriate personnel from the
2 Department of State.

3 (2) SAFETY OF PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of
4 Homeland Security and Secretary of State shall take
5 such actions as may be necessary to ensure the safe-
6 ty of such personnel and to ensure that such per-
7 sonnel are available a minimum of one business day
8 each week for the Cuban Family Reunification Pa-
9 role Program.

10 (c) ACCESSIBILITY.—To carry out subsection (a), the
11 Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the
12 Secretary of State, may to the extent practicable make
13 available to applicants for parole under the Cuban Family
14 Reunification Parole Program video teleconference capa-
15 bilities and may fly personnel assigned under subsection
16 (b) to the United State Embassy in Havana, Cuba, for
17 time sufficient to process applications in a safe manner.
18 In carrying out this subsection, the Secretaries shall en-
19 sure that appropriate privacy and security requirements
20 are satisfied for all personnel involved.

21 (d) DURATION.—Parole granted under the Cuban
22 Family Reunification Parole Program shall be valid for
23 an initial period of at least two years.

24 (e) EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING.—The Secretary of
25 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of

1 State, shall ensure that applications for parole under the
2 Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program that were
3 filed before the date of the enactment of this Act have
4 started being adjudicated not more than six months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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