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To direct the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to reinstate the Cuban Family Reunification Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL (for herself, Mr. CRIST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. SHALALA) 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 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF THE CUBAN FAMILY REUNIFI-**
7 **CATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,

1 in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security,
2 shall—

3 (1) reinstate processing of applications for pa-
4 role under the Cuban Family Reunification Program
5 at the United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba; and

6 (2) prioritize and process applications described
7 in paragraph (1) that were filed before the date of
8 the enactment of this Act.

9 (b) **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.**—To carry out sub-
10 section (a), the Secretary of State shall assign to the
11 United States Embassy in Havana, Cuba, appropriate
12 temporary duty personnel. The Secretary shall take such
13 actions as may be necessary to ensure the safety of such
14 personnel to ensure that such personnel are available a
15 minimum of one business day each week.

16 (c) **ACCESSIBILITY.**—The Secretary of State, in co-
17 ordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall,
18 to the extent practicable, make available to applicants for
19 parole under the Cuban Family Reunification Program
20 video teleconference capabilities. In carrying out this sub-
21 section, the Secretary shall ensure appropriate privacy and
22 security requirements are satisfied.

23 (d) **DURATION.**—Parole granted under the Cuban
24 Family Reunification Program shall be valid for an initial
25 period of two years.

1 (e) EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING.—The Secretary of
2 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
3 curity, shall ensure that applications for parole under the
4 Cuban Family Reunification Program that were filed be-
5 fore the date of the enactment of this Act are processed
6 not later than 60 days after such date of enactment.

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