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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Mutual In-
5 terests and Growing Our Success Act” or the “AMIGOS
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NONIMMIGRANT TRADERS AND INVESTORS.**

2 For purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of section
 3 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
 4 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)), Portugal shall be considered to
 5 be a foreign state described in such section if the Govern-
 6 ment of Portugal provides similar nonimmigrant status to
 7 nationals of the United States.

8 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR E**
 9 **VISAS.**

10 Section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Na-
 11 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)) is amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

13 (A) by inserting “(or, in the case of an
 14 alien who acquired the relevant nationality
 15 through a financial investment and who has not
 16 previously been granted status under this sub-
 17 paragraph, the foreign state of which the alien
 18 is a national and in which the alien has been
 19 domiciled for a continuous period of not less
 20 than 3 years at any point before applying for
 21 a nonimmigrant visa under this subparagraph)”
 22 before “, and the spouse”; and

23 (B) by striking “him” and inserting “such
 24 alien”; and

- 1 (2) by striking “he” each place such term ap-
- 2 pears and inserting “the alien”.

