

**Hon. Speaker of the House**  
**Mr. John Boehner**  
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I am writing to urge you to support and co-sponsor H.R. 1401, the Jobs Originated through Launching Travel (JOLT) Act of 2015. This important legislation, which enjoys broad support in the private sector and bipartisan support in Congress, would stimulate international tourism to the United States by expanding the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

The Visa Waiver Program enables nationals from 38 participating countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business stays of up to 90 days without obtaining a visa. Its creation was designed to eliminate unnecessary barriers to travel, stimulate the tourism industry, and permit the Department of State to focus consular resources in higher risk areas. Regrettably, today Poland remains the only European Union member of the Schengen Zone (created to promote visa free travel across the EU), that is not a Member of the VWP.

Now is the time to act! Help us include Poland – one of America’s strongest allies – in the VWP. Travel to the United States is America’s top services export. With Poland being a shining example of economic and democratic success, and with 12 million Polish Americans calling the United States home, the historic links between our two great countries are only suffering by being shackled with limitations on people-to-people contacts that are guaranteed through programs like the VWP.

Including Poland in the VWP not only strengthens our alliance, but supports nearly 61,000 additional American jobs simply by allowing Polish visitors to travel visa-free to the U.S. for up to 90 days. The VWP also bolsters U.S. national security, promotes tourism, and increases commerce. Countries that participate in the program agree to increase information sharing and collaboration in counter-terrorism and border control.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Travel Association, the American Hotel and Lodging Association, and the National Retail Federation all support H.R. 1401. I urge you to join Representatives Joe Heck (R-NV) and Mike Quigley (D-IL) by becoming a co-sponsor of this important and timely legislation that finally welcomes Poland into this program and paves the way for even greater cooperation between our two great nations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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