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To require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to link together applications of family members throughout the NEXUS application process, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KENNEDY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. LINKING FAMILY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE**
4 **NEXUS APPLICATION PROCESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of
7 U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall link together

1 applications of family members throughout the NEXUS
2 application process.

3 (b) OPTIONS.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs
4 and Border Protection—

5 (1) shall permit an individual family member to
6 schedule interviews during the NEXUS application
7 process under subsection (a) for all family members
8 who are linked together in accordance with such sub-
9 section; and

10 (2) may offer such families the option to con-
11 duct joint interviews.

12 (c) EXCEPTION.—The Commissioner of U.S. Cus-
13 toms and Border Protection may exempt from an inter-
14 view during the NEXUS application process a child under
15 14 years of age who is linked to the application of an eligi-
16 ble family member.

17 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section:

18 (1) FAMILY MEMBERS.—The term “family
19 members” means parents, legal guardians, children,
20 grandparents, grandchildren and siblings residing
21 within a single household.

22 (2) NEXUS.—The term “NEXUS” means the
23 program under section 404 of the Enhanced Border
24 Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8

- 1 U.S.C. 1753; relating to joint United States-Canada
- 2 projects for alternative inspections services).