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# H. R. 6396

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Assistance for Firms  
5 Harmed by Tariffs on Exports Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) In recognition that trade policy can result  
2           in disparate and disruptive changes to the economy,  
3           the Trade Adjustment Assistance program was en-  
4           acted to help workers adversely impacted by the  
5           trade policy decisions of the Federal Government.

6           (2) The Trump Administration has made clear  
7           that it intends to aggressively use Federal trade  
8           statutes, including section 232 of the Trade Expan-  
9           sion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862), section 301 of  
10          the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411), and poten-  
11          tially the International Emergency Economic Powers  
12          Act (Public Law 95–223), to increase tariffs on se-  
13          lected imports.

14          (3) Foreign countries affected by such tariff in-  
15          creases have, as of the date of the enactment of this  
16          Act, already raised tariffs on United States exports  
17          or have indicated that they intend to respond by  
18          raising tariffs on such exports.

19          (4) Increased tariffs on such exports threaten  
20          to reduce employment in affected sectors of the  
21          United States economy.

22          (5) Firms adversely impacted by these effects  
23          deserve adjustment assistance.

1 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.**

2 Subparagraph (C) of section 251(c)(1) of the Trade  
3 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341) is amended to read as fol-  
4 lows:

5 “(C) either—

6 “(i) increases of imports of articles or serv-  
7 ices like or directly competitive with articles  
8 which are produced or services which are sup-  
9 plied by such firm contributed importantly to  
10 such total or partial separation, or threat there-  
11 of, and to such decline in sales or production;  
12 or

13 “(ii)(I) exports of articles or services pro-  
14 duced or supplied by such firm have decreased  
15 as a result, in whole or in part, from tariffs im-  
16 posed on such exports by a foreign country in  
17 response to United States tariffs imposed on  
18 the imports of such country pursuant to an ac-  
19 tion taken under the authority of—

20 “(aa) section 232 of the Trade  
21 Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C.  
22 1862);

23 “(bb) section 301 of the Trade  
24 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411); or

1                   “(cc) the International Emer-  
2                   gency Economic Powers Act (Public  
3                   Law 95–223); and

4                   “(II) the decrease in such exports contrib-  
5                   uted importantly to such total or partial separa-  
6                   tion, or threat thereof, and to such decline in  
7                   sales or production.”.

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