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H. R. 6395

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide adjustment assistance to certain workers adversely affect by reduced exports resulting from tariffs imposed as retaliation for United States tariff increases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2018

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. KIND, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 Workers
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) Workers adversely impacted by these effects
23 deserve adjustment assistance.

1 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR RETALIATORY TAR-**
2 **IFF INCREASES.**

3 Section 222(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
4 U.S.C. 2272(a)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking “or” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C)(i) the sales or production, or both, of
11 such firm have decreased absolutely;

12 “(ii) exports of articles produced or serv-
13 ices supplied by such firm have decreased;

14 “(iii) the decrease in exports described in
15 clause (ii) resulted in whole or in part from tar-
16iffs imposed on such exports by a foreign coun-
17try in response to United States tariffs imposed
18on imports from such country pursuant to an
19action taken under the authority of—

20 “(I) section 232 of the Trade Expan-
21sion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

22 “(II) section 301 of the Trade Act of
231974 (19 U.S.C. 2411); or

24 “(III) the International Emergency
25Economic Powers Act (Public Law 95-
26223); and

1 “(iv) the decrease in exports described in
2 clause (ii) contributed importantly to such
3 workers’ separation or threat of separation and
4 to the decline in the sales or production of such
5 firm.”.

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