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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.

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## 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

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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 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-  
16 iffs imposed on such exports by a foreign coun-  
17 try in response to United States tariffs imposed  
18 on imports from such country pursuant to an  
19 action taken under the authority of—

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

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

24 “(III) the International Emergency  
25 Economic Powers Act (Public Law 95-  
26 223); 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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