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H. R. 6124

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. COOPER) 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 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) and section 301
10 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411), and po-
11 tentially the International Emergency Economic
12 Powers Act (Public Law 95–223), to increase tariffs
13 on selected 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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