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[Report No. 119–9]

To require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

MARCH 31, 2025

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Support
3 for American Manufacturing Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-**
7 **GRESS.**—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
10 and Transportation of the Senate; and

11 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
12 merce of the House of Representatives.

13 (2) **COVERED OFFICES AND BUREAUS.**—The
14 term “covered offices and bureaus” means offices
15 and bureaus of the Department of Commerce identi-
16 fied under section 3(a)(1).

17 (3) **CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.**—The term “crit-
18 ical supply chain” means an end-to-end system that
19 converts raw materials into finished products in crit-
20 ical sectors, including in—

21 (A) the defense industrial base;

22 (B) the public health and biological pre-
23 paredness industrial base;

24 (C) the information and communications
25 technology industrial base;

26 (D) the energy sector industrial base;

1 (E) the transportation industrial base; and

2 (F) agricultural supply chains.

3 (4) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE.—The
4 term “critical supply chain resilience” means miti-
5 gating gaps and vulnerabilities in critical supply
6 chains, including by—

7 (A) reducing risk of malicious sabotage or
8 external or internal manipulation; and

9 (B) improving the ability to withstand sup-
10 ply chain interruptions such as logistical chal-
11 lenges and workforce, materials, equipment, or
12 product shortages.

13 (5) MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVA-
14 TION.—The term “manufacturing and industrial in-
15 novation” means—

16 (A) providing assistance, resources, or
17 services to manufacturers or manufacturing
18 workers in the United States;

19 (B) offering expertise, improvements, re-
20 search, and development or other assistance in
21 technological innovations or advanced manufac-
22 turing in partnership with or for use by manu-
23 facturers in the United States; or

1 (C) developing policy that substantially im-
2 pacts the manufacturing sector in the United
3 States.

4 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Commerce.

6 **SEC. 3. STUDY RELATING TO MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS**
7 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

8 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall produce
10 a report that—

11 (1) identifies offices and bureaus of the Depart-
12 ment of Commerce with responsibilities related to—

13 (A) critical supply chain resilience; and

14 (B) manufacturing and industrial innova-
15 tion;

16 (2) identifies the duties, responsibilities, pro-
17 grams, and expertise relevant to critical supply chain
18 resilience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
19 tion of each covered office and bureau;

20 (3) identifies and assesses the purpose, statu-
21 tory authority, effectiveness, efficiency, and limita-
22 tions of each covered office and bureau;

23 (4) identifies gaps between offices with duplica-
24 tive duties, responsibilities, programs, and expertise
25 within the Department of Commerce that are imple-

1 menting activities related to critical supply chain re-
2 silience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
3 tion; and

4 (5) provides recommendations to improve the
5 effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each covered
6 office and bureau, including recommendations to—

7 (A) optimize operations within or across
8 covered offices and bureaus;

9 (B) improve coordination across covered
10 offices and bureaus; and

11 (C) improve coordination with Federal
12 agencies implementing similar activities related
13 to critical supply chain resilience and manufac-
14 turing and industrial innovation.

15 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRA-
16 TION.—The Secretary shall contract with the National
17 Academy of Public Administration in producing the report
18 under subsection (a).

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 on which the Secretary produces the report under sub-
21 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
22 committees of Congress—

23 (1) the report produced under subsection (a);

1 (2) recommendations for potential legislative ac-
2 tion addressing recommendations in the report pro-
3 duced under subsection (a); and
4 (3) a response from the Secretary to the rec-
5 ommendations included in the report produced under
6 subsection (a).

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