

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6205

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide adjustment assistance to certain workers adversely affected by disruptions in global supply chains from the Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2020

Ms. DELBENE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 COVID–19 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 global
5 trade.

6 (2) The Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19) has
7 severely disrupted global supply chains due to Chi-
8 na’s role as the main supplier of intermediate out-
9 puts for manufacturing companies around the world.
10 A drop in the Chinese supply of these inputs nega-
11 tively impacts production for American manufactur-
12 ers.

13 (3) COVID–19 has also depressed cargo vol-
14 umes at major ports in the United States and closed
15 off certain foreign markets to American exporters.

16 (4) Workers adversely impacted by these effects
17 deserve access to trade adjustment assistance.

18 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR DISRUPTIONS IN**
19 **GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS CAUSED BY THE**
20 **CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID–19).**

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

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

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

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

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

6 “(ii)(I) exports of articles produced or
7 services supplied by such firm have decreased,
8 or

9 “(II) imports of articles used in the pro-
10 duction of articles described in subclause (I)
11 have decreased,

12 in whole or in part from disruptions in global
13 supply chains affected by the Coronavirus Dis-
14 ease (COVID-19); and

15 “(iii) the decrease in exports described in
16 clause (ii)(I) or the decrease in imports de-
17 scribed in clause (ii)(II), as the case may be,
18 contributed importantly to such workers’ sepa-
19 ration or threat of separation and to the de-
20 crease in the sales or production of such firm.”.

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