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To assess the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on
domestic job loss and the environment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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Agreement on domestic job loss and the environment,
and for other purposes.

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. REPORTS ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF NAFTA**
4 **ON JOBS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

5 (a) REPORT ON DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING AND
6 JOBS.—The Secretary of Commerce, after consultation
7 with the appropriate government agencies, shall determine
8 the levels of exports of United States manufactured goods
9 to NAFTA parties and imports into the United States of
10 manufactured goods from NAFTA parties, and the num-

1 ber of jobs that have resulted from increased exports of
2 manufactured goods to NAFTA parties and the loss of
3 jobs that has resulted from increased imports into the
4 United States of manufactured goods from NAFTA par-
5 ties since January 1, 1994. The Secretary of Commerce
6 shall submit to the Congress a report on the determina-
7 tions made under this subsection not later than 6 months
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (b) REPORT RELATING TO HEALTH AND ENVIRON-
10 MENTAL IMPACTS OF NAFTA.—The Administrator of the
11 Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with
12 the Secretariat for the NAFTA Commission on Environ-
13 mental Cooperation, shall conduct investigations of wheth-
14 er pollution and health hazards in the United States have
15 worsened since January 1, 1994, to the extent they may
16 be attributable to the implementation of NAFTA, and spe-
17 cifically in and around the United States-Mexico border
18 and the United States-Canada border, and shall report to
19 the Congress on the results of those investigations not
20 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act.

22 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATIONS.**

23 (a) CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL
24 AGREEMENT.—

14 (B) to effectively enforce the laws referred
15 to in paragraph (1).

24 (A) air quality standards;
25 (B) water effluent standards; and

1 (C) hazardous waste disposal standards.

2 Each report under this paragraph shall be trans-
3 mitted to the President not later than 30 days be-
4 fore the date on which the President is required to
5 submit his report under paragraph (1).

6 (b) CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LABOR AGREEMENT.—

19 (A) monitoring and on-site inspection by
20 persons trained to do so;

(B) encouragement of voluntary compliance by employers;

23 (C) mandatory reporting by employers to
24 appropriate governmental authorities; and

25 (D) enforcement actions

9 (A) Freedom of association.

10 (B) The right to bargain collectively.

11 (C) The right to strike.

12 (D) Prohibition on forced labor.

13 (E) Restrictions on labor by children and
14 young people.

15 (F) Minimum employment standards.

16 (G) Elimination of employment discrimina-
17 tion.

18 (H) Equal pay for men and women.

19 (I) Prevention of occupational accidents
20 and diseases.

(J) Compensation in cases of work accidents and occupational diseases.

23 Each report under this paragraph shall be trans-
24 mitted to the President not later than 30 days be-

1 fore the date on which the President is required to
2 submit his report under paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act:

5 (1) **NAFTA.**—The term “NAFTA” means the
6 North American Free Trade Agreement entered into
7 by the United States, Canada, and Mexico on De-
8 cember 17, 1992.

9 (2) **NAFTA COUNTRY.**—The term “NAFTA
10 country” has the meaning given that term in section
11 2(4) of the North American Free Trade Agreement
12 Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3301(4)).

13 (3) **NAFTA PARTY.**—The term “NAFTA
14 party” means the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

15 (4) **NORTH AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON ENVI-
16 RONMENTAL COOPERATION.**—The term “North
17 American Agreement on Environmental Cooper-
18 ation” has the meaning given that term in section
19 532(b)(2) of the North American Free Trade Agree-
20 ment Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3472(b)(2)).

21 (5) **NORTH AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON LABOR
22 COOPERATION.**—The term “North American Agree-
23 ment on Labor Cooperation” has the meaning given
24 that term in section 531(b)(2) of the North Amer-

1 ican Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19
2 U.S.C. 3471(b)(2)).

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