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To prohibit the entry into any bilateral or regional trade agreement, and to prohibit negotiations to enter into any such agreement, for a period of 2 years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Current and pending trade agreements and
6 partnerships between the United States and other
7 countries have not been in the best interest of
8 United States workers, small businesses, or farmers,
9 the economy, or the environment.

1 (2) Current and pending trade agreements and
2 partnerships between the United States and other
3 countries have not significantly raised the living and
4 environmental standards in those countries.

5 (3) It is in the mutual interest of the United
6 States and its trading partners to enter into trade
7 agreements and partnerships that expand markets,
8 raise living standards, and protect the environment.

9 (4) Current trade agreements have forced
10 American workers, small businesses, and farmers to
11 compete on an uneven playing field with those in
12 other countries with which the United States has a
13 trade agreement or partnership.

14 (5) In 2004, the United States had a record
15 trade deficit of \$617,000,000,000 in goods and serv-
16 ices.

17 (6) China and Japan continue to manipulate
18 their currencies without any significant pressure
19 from the United States Government to stop these
20 practices, which have already caused severe damage
21 to industries and workers in the United States.

22 (7) Increased trade deficits are harmful to the
23 economy of the United States and the value of the
24 dollar.

1 (8) United States trade policies have had a dev-
2 astating impact on the manufacturing sector in the
3 United States; an estimated 2,800,000 manufac-
4 turing jobs in the United States have been lost since
5 2001.

6 (9) A strong and vibrant domestic manufac-
7 turing sector is vital to national security and many
8 other domestic industries.

9 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND**
10 **ENTER INTO BILATERAL OR REGIONAL**
11 **TRADE AGREEMENTS.**

12 Upon the enactment of this Act, the President, not-
13 withstanding the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority
14 Act of 2002 or any other provision of law—

15 (1) may not enter into any bilateral or regional
16 trade agreement; and

17 (2) may not engage in any negotiations to enter
18 into any bilateral or regional trade agreement, and
19 shall terminate any such negotiations that are ongo-
20 ing at the time this Act is enacted.

21 **SEC. 3. SUNSET.**

22 This Act shall cease to be effective at the end of the
23 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of
24 this Act.

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