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To provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Clean Energy Tech-
5 nology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of
6 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING**
2 **AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE FUND.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

4 (1) the term “clean energy technology” means
5 a technology related to the production, use, trans-
6 mission, storage, control, or conservation of energy
7 that will contribute to a stabilization of atmospheric
8 greenhouse gas concentrations through reduction,
9 avoidance, or sequestration of energy-related emis-
10 sions and—

11 (A) reduce the need for additional energy
12 supplies by using existing energy supplies with
13 greater efficiency or by transmitting, distrib-
14 uting, or transporting energy with greater effec-
15 tiveness through the infrastructure of the
16 United States; or

17 (B) diversify the sources of energy supply
18 of the United States to strengthen energy secu-
19 rity and to increase supplies with a favorable
20 balance of environmental effects if the entire
21 technology system is considered; and

22 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
23 of Commerce.

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
25 a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export
26 Assistance Fund, to be administered through the Inter-

1 national Trade Administration. The Secretary shall ad-
2 minister the Fund to promote policies that will reduce pro-
3 duction costs and encourage innovation, investment, and
4 productivity in the clean energy technology sector, and im-
5 plement a national clean energy technology export strat-
6 egy. The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that United
7 States clean energy technology firms, including clean en-
8 ergy technology parts suppliers and engineering and de-
9 sign firms, have the information and assistance they need
10 to be competitive and create clean energy technology sec-
11 tor jobs in the United States.

12 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, consistent with the
13 National Export Initiative, shall provide information,
14 tools, and other assistance to United States businesses to
15 promote clean energy technology manufacturing and facili-
16 tate the export of clean energy technology products and
17 services. Such assistance shall include—

18 (1) developing critical analysis of policies to re-
19 duce production costs and promote innovation, in-
20 vestment, and productivity in the clean energy tech-
21 nology sector;

22 (2) helping educate companies about how to tai-
23 lor their activities to specific markets with respect to
24 their product slate, financing, marketing, assembly,
25 and logistics;

1 (3) helping United States companies learn
2 about the export process and export opportunities in
3 foreign markets;

4 (4) helping United States companies to navi-
5 gate foreign markets; and

6 (5) helping United States companies provide
7 input regarding clean energy technology manufac-
8 turing and trade policy developments and trade pro-
9 motion.

10 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

11 (1) Not later than 180 days after the date of
12 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit
13 to the Congress a report indicating how the funds
14 provided under this section will be used to—

15 (A) focus on small and medium-sized
16 United States businesses;

17 (B) encourage the creation and mainte-
18 nance of the greatest number of clean energy
19 technology jobs in the United States; and

20 (C) encourage the domestic production of
21 clean energy technology products and services,
22 including materials, components, equipment,
23 parts, and supplies related in any way to the
24 product or service.

1 (2) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Sec-
2 retary shall transmit to the Congress a report as-
3 sessing the extent to which the program established
4 under this section—

5 (A) has been successful in developing crit-
6 ical analysis of policies to reduce production
7 costs and promote innovation, investment, and
8 productivity in the clean energy technology sec-
9 tor;

10 (B) has been successful in increasing the
11 competitiveness of United States clean energy
12 technology firms in emerging markets;

13 (C) has been successful in assisting United
14 States businesses, specifically small- and me-
15 dium-sized firms, with exporting clean energy
16 technology products and services;

17 (D) has been successful in creating jobs di-
18 rectly related to the clean energy technology
19 sector in the United States, including specific
20 information as to the nature, location, and du-
21 ration of those jobs and the methodology used
22 by the Secretary to compile such information;

23 (E) has been successful in helping United
24 States companies provide input regarding clean

1 energy technology manufacturing and trade pol-
2 icy developments and trade promotion; and

3 (F) should be continued.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
6 appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this
7 section \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
8 2013 through 2017.

9 (2) LIMITATION.—No assistance provided using
10 funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
11 provided in the form of a monetary grant.

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