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To require a study of the well-being of the United States automotive industry and to stay the investigation into the national security effects of automotive imports until the study is completed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Automotive Jobs Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF WELL-BEING OF UNITED STATES AUTO-**
2 **MOTIVE INDUSTRY; STAY OF CERTAIN INVES-**
3 **TIGATION.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The United States Inter-
5 national Trade Commission (in this section referred to as
6 the “Commission”) shall conduct a study of the economic
7 well-being, health, and vitality of the United States auto-
8 motive industry, which shall include an assessment of the
9 following:

10 (1) The number of automotive jobs in the
11 United States, regardless of whether the parent enti-
12 ty of the United States automotive producer is
13 headquartered in the United States or another coun-
14 try.

15 (2) Any growth or decline in number of auto-
16 mobile manufacturing facilities and automotive parts
17 suppliers in the United States since 1980.

18 (3) The effect an automotive plant has on the
19 unemployment rate, per capita income, and edu-
20 cation level in the community in which the plant is
21 located.

22 (4) The effect an automotive plant has on the
23 region in which the plant is located in helping the
24 region attract and expand nonautomotive jobs and
25 the effect on that region of the wages from those
26 jobs.

1 (5) The number of automobiles assembled in
2 the United States that are exported each year and
3 to which countries.

4 (6) The percentage of component parts of auto-
5 mobiles assembled in the United States that are im-
6 ported.

7 (7) The number of component parts for auto-
8 mobiles that are not produced in the United States
9 and would thus not be available to United States
10 automotive producers if prohibitively high duties
11 were imposed on imports of those parts.

12 (8) The effect an increase in automotive manu-
13 facturing costs would have on jobs in the United
14 States.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not earlier than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than one
17 year after such date of enactment, the Commission shall
18 submit to the President and Congress a report on—

19 (1) the findings of the study required by sub-
20 section (a); and

21 (2) any recommendations relating to the auto-
22 motive industry that the Commission considers ap-
23 propriate based on the study.

24 (c) STAY OF INVESTIGATION INTO NATIONAL SECU-
25 RITY EFFECTS OF AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce
 2 shall stay the investigation of the Department of
 3 Commerce under section 232 of the Trade Expan-
 4 sion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862) into the effects
 5 on national security of imports of automobiles and
 6 automotive parts initiated on May 23, 2018, until—

7 (A) the Commission submits to the Presi-
 8 dent and Congress the report required by sub-
 9 section (b); and

10 (B) the President, after reviewing the re-
 11 port and considering the findings and rec-
 12 ommendations of the Commission included in
 13 the report, determines to reopen or terminate
 14 the investigation.

15 (2) TOLLING OF CERTAIN DEADLINE.—The
 16 deadline for completion of investigations under sec-
 17 tion 232(b)(3)(A) of the Trade Expansion Act of
 18 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862(b)(3)(A)) shall be tolled for
 19 the investigation described in paragraph (1) during
 20 the period during which the investigation is stayed
 21 under this subsection.

22 (d) UNITED STATES AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCER DE-
 23 FINED.—In this section, the term “United States auto-
 24 motive producer” means an entity that manufactures or

- 1 assembles automobiles or component parts for automobiles
- 2 in the United States.

