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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M__ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Assistance for Workers Harmed by Tariffs on Exports Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:
(1) In recognition that trade policy can result in disparate and disruptive changes to the economy, the Trade Adjustment Assistance program was enacted to help workers adversely impacted by the trade policy decisions of the Federal Government.


(3) Foreign countries affected by such tariff increases have, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, already raised tariffs on United States exports or have indicated that they intend to respond by raising tariffs on such exports.

(4) Increased tariffs on such exports threaten to reduce employment in affected sectors of the United States economy.

(5) Workers adversely impacted by these effects deserve adjustment assistance.
SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR RETALIATORY TARIFF INCREASES.

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

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

(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

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

“(ii) exports of articles produced or services supplied by such firm have decreased;

“(iii) the decrease in exports described in clause (ii) resulted in whole or in part from tariffs imposed on such exports by a foreign country in response to United States tariffs imposed on exports from such country pursuant to an action taken under the authority of—

“(I) section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

“(II) section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2411); or

“(III) the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (Public Law 95–223); and
“(iv) the decrease in exports described in clause (ii) contributed importantly to such workers’ separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm.”.