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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2022

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. McCLINTOCK) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Free TRIPS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT ON**
2 **TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLEC-**
3 **TUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, and any official,
5 employee, or agent of the United States, may not negotiate
6 or conclude any withdrawal, suspension, waiver, or modi-
7 fication to the TRIPS Agreement without obtaining ex-
8 plicit authorization from Congress before beginning nego-
9 tiations with respect to that withdrawal, suspension, or
10 modification.

11 (b) **TRIPS AGREEMENT DEFINED.**—In this section,
12 the term “TRIPS Agreement” means the Agreement on
13 Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights re-
14 ferred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round
15 Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)).

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