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H. R. 8657

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Strengthening Support
5 for American Manufacturing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PRO-**
2 **GRAMS RELATED TO CRITICAL SUPPLY**
3 **CHAIN RESILIENCE AND MANUFACTURING**
4 **AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
7 produce a report that—

8 (1) identifies offices and bureaus of the Depart-
9 ment of Commerce with responsibilities related to—

10 (A) critical supply chain resilience; and

11 (B) manufacturing and industrial innova-
12 tion;

13 (2) identifies the duties, responsibilities, pro-
14 grams, and expertise relevant to critical supply chain
15 resilience and manufacturing and industrial innova-
16 tion of each covered office and bureau;

17 (3) identifies and assesses the purpose, statu-
18 tory authority, effectiveness, efficiency, and limita-
19 tions of each covered office and bureau;

20 (4) identifies gaps between offices or bureaus
21 with duplicative duties, responsibilities, programs,
22 and expertise within the Department of Commerce
23 that are implementing activities related to critical
24 supply chain resilience and manufacturing and in-
25 dustrial innovation; and

1 (5) provides recommendations to improve the
2 effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each covered
3 office and bureau, including recommendations to—

4 (A) optimize operations within or across
5 covered offices and bureaus;

6 (B) improve coordination across covered
7 offices and bureaus; and

8 (C) improve coordination with Federal
9 agencies implementing similar activities related
10 to critical supply chain resilience and manufac-
11 turing and industrial innovation.

12 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRA-
13 TION.—The Secretary shall contract with the National
14 Academy of Public Administration in producing the report
15 under subsection (a).

16 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180
17 days after the date on which the Secretary produces the
18 report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
19 the appropriate committees of Congress—

20 (1) the report produced under subsection (a);

21 (2) recommendations for potential legislative ac-
22 tion addressing recommendations in the report pro-
23 duced under subsection (a); and

1 (3) a response from the Secretary to the rec-
2 ommendations included in the report produced under
3 subsection (a).

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
6 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
7 gress” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
9 and Transportation of the Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives.

12 (2) COVERED OFFICES AND BUREAUS.—The
13 term “covered offices and bureaus” means offices
14 and bureaus of the Department of Commerce identi-
15 fied under subsection (a)(1).

16 (3) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.—The term “crit-
17 ical supply chain” means an end-to-end system that
18 converts raw materials into finished products in crit-
19 ical sectors, including in—

20 (A) the defense industrial base;

21 (B) the public health and biological pre-
22 paredness industrial base;

23 (C) the information and communications
24 technology industrial base;

25 (D) the energy sector industrial base;

1 (E) the transportation industrial base; and

2 (F) agricultural supply chains.

3 (4) CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE.—The
4 term “critical supply chain resilience” means miti-
5 gating gaps and vulnerabilities in critical supply
6 chains, including by—

7 (A) reducing risk of malicious sabotage or
8 external or internal manipulation; and

9 (B) improving the ability to withstand sup-
10 ply chain interruptions such as logistical chal-
11 lenges and workforce, materials, equipment, or
12 product shortages.

13 (5) MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVA-
14 TION.—The term “manufacturing and industrial in-
15 novation” means—

16 (A) providing assistance, resources, or
17 services to manufacturers or manufacturing
18 workers in the United States;

19 (B) offering expertise, improvements, re-
20 search and development, or other assistance in
21 technological innovations or advanced manufac-
22 turing in partnership with or for use by manu-
23 facturers in the United States; or

1 (C) developing policy that substantially im-
2 pacts the manufacturing sector in the United
3 States.

4 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Commerce.

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