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# S. 1834

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2023

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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, waiv-  
10 er, or 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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