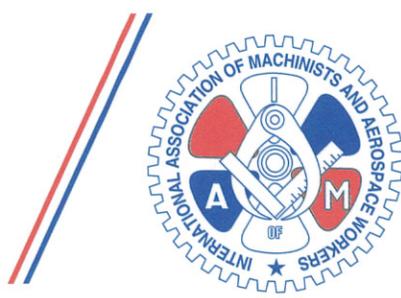


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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the 600,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), I want to thank House Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal and Subcommittee Chairman Earl Blumenauer for drafting a strong, worker-focused trade title in the America COMPETES Act (H.R. 4521). We believe a strong focus on important resources and protections for the American worker is a critical priority in helping to reverse unfair trade practices and the negative impacts here in the U.S.

The IAM is urging members of Congress to protect the trade title in the COMPETES Act, including provisions such as the robust funding for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, which protects U.S. workers who lose their jobs due to outsourcing. The trade title in the COMPETES Act would provide critical and long-overdue enhancements to America's global competitive capabilities, support workers whose jobs are lost to trade, and protect and expand the tools to fight foreign unfair trade.

The trade title of COMPETES Act, Division K, includes critically important measures that improve the trade title in the Senate-passed USICA bill. Specifically, the COMPETES Act includes:

- **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA):** Reauthorizing funding for TAA is critical to American workers and families who lose their jobs to trade. The TAA reverted at the end of June 2021 to an insufficient program with limited funding and coverage, which does not help workers whose jobs are outsourced to countries with which the US does not have a Free Trade Agreement, such as China.
- **The National Critical Capabilities Defense Act**, a bipartisan bill introduced by Representatives DeLauro, Pascrell, Spartz and Fitzpatrick. This companion to Senate legislation authored by Senators Casey and Cornyn creates a new review process to protect our supply chains by screening outbound investment and guarding against offshoring of critical capabilities to adversaries.
- **The Sewell-Johnson Level the Playing Field Act 2.0** (similar bipartisan legislation was introduced by Senators Brown and Portman in the Senate) would update U.S. trade laws and help ensure that the unique circumstances relating to economic recovery from the pandemic do not limit the ability of workers, farmers, and businesses to address the injury caused by illegally dumped and subsidized imports.
- Reauthorize and strengthen **Generalized Systems Preferences (GSP)** would be a significant update of the labor eligibility criteria and enforcement process.

Again, the IAM appreciates the COMPETES Act, Division K, which will help improve the lives of the American worker. We strongly urge you to OPPOSE any attempts to weaken or eliminate the above provisions.

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Sincerely,

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