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H. R. 6360

To establish a Supply Chain Czar, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill

JANUARY 10, 2022

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “COVID–19 Supply
5 Chain Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLY CHAIN CZAR.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
8 Executive Office of the President an Office of Supply
9 Chain Policy, which shall do the following:

1 (1) Coordinate a national response to supply
2 chain disruptions, shortages, and increased prices.

3 (2) Serve as a resource for States as States de-
4 ploy unused COVID–19 relief funds to address sup-
5 ply chain bottlenecks in their States.

6 (3) Appoint, oversee, and coordinate among re-
7 gional supply chain leaders.

8 (b) APPOINTMENT.—There shall be at the head of the
9 Office a Supply Chain Czar, appointed by the President,
10 who shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

11 **SEC. 3. STATE USE OF COVID–19 RELIEF FUNDS FOR SUP-**
12 **PLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated balances of
14 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under
15 title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)
16 to any State, territory, or Tribal government by the
17 amendments made by subtitle M of title IX of the Amer-
18 ican Rescue Plan Act of 2021 may also be made available
19 to such State, territory, or Tribal government to help ad-
20 dress supply chain disruptions and labor shortages by un-
21 dertaking one or more of the following:

22 (1) Promoting employment in the trucking and
23 logistics industries.

1 (2) Implementing apprenticeship programs to
2 recruit more women and military veterans to become
3 licensed commercial motor vehicle drivers.

4 (3) Undertaking port and shipping infrastruc-
5 ture projects.

6 (4) Providing relief from other detrimental eco-
7 nomic impacts of supply chain disruptions.

8 (b) **AUTHORITY TO ISSUE GUIDANCE.**—Not later
9 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
10 the Secretary of Commerce shall issue such guidance as
11 may be necessary to implement this section including, as
12 needed, to define the scope of the allowable activities listed
13 in subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPOR-**
15 **TATION REPORT.**

16 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, in consulta-
18 tion with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall publish and
19 submit to Congress a report on the following, related to
20 supply chains in the United States:

21 (1) Points of congestion or blockages.

22 (2) Underlying causes of supply chain disrup-
23 tions, shortages, and delays.

24 (3) Other supply chain shortcomings which,
25 with public or private investment, could be remedied

- 1 to result in more efficient movement of goods into
- 2 and within the United States.

