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H. R. 6990

To modify the bases for ineligibility for countries to benefit from the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD 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 “Digital Trade for De-
5 velopment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE**
7 **COUNTRIES.**

8 Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
9 2462) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

1 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
2 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (I),
3 respectively;

4 (B) in the matter following subparagraph
5 (H), by striking “(D), (E), (F), (G), and (H)
6 (to the extent described in section 507(6)(D))”
7 and inserting “(D), (E), (F), (G), (H), and (I)
8 (to the extent described in section 507(6)(D))”;
9 and

10 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
11 the following new subparagraph:

12 “(D) The President, acting through the
13 United States Trade Representative, determines
14 that such country restricts digital trade to the
15 detriment of United States development goals,
16 strategic interests, or competitiveness.”; and
17 (2) in subsection (c)—

18 (A) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “;
19 and” and the end and inserting a semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
21 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraph:

24 “(8) the extent to which such country—

1 “(A) has refrained from imposing digital
2 trade barriers, such as unnecessary or discrimi-
3 natory data localization or data transfer restric-
4 tions, discriminatory treatment of digital prod-
5 ucts, or forced disclosure of proprietary source
6 code; and

7 “(B) has taken steps in the digital environ-
8 ment to support consumer protections, the pri-
9 vacy of personal information, and open digital
10 ecosystems.”.

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