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To reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance program.

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Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Trade Adjustment As-
5 sistance Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO TRADE**
7 **ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

8 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.**—Ex-
9 cept as otherwise provided in this Act, the provisions of
10 chapters 2 through 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974,

1 as in effect on June 30, 2021, and as amended by this
 2 Act, shall—

3 (1) take effect on the date of the enactment of
 4 this Act; and

5 (2) apply to petitions for certification filed
 6 under chapter 2, 3, or 6 of title II of the Trade Act
 7 of 1974 on or after such date of enactment.

8 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise provided in
 9 this Act, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal
 10 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,
 11 a provision of chapters 2 through 6 of title II of the Trade
 12 Act of 1974, the reference shall be considered to be made
 13 to a provision of any such chapter, as in effect on June
 14 30, 2021.

15 **SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**
 16 **PROGRAM.**

17 (a) TERMINATION PROVISIONS.—Section 285 of the
 18 Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking “June 30,
 19 2021” each place it appears and inserting “December 31,
 20 2031”.

21 (b) TRAINING FUNDS.—Section 236(a)(2)(A) of the
 22 Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking “2015 through
 23 2021” and inserting “2026 through 2032”.

24 (c) REEMPLOYMENT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-
 25 ANCE.—Section 246(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 is

1 amended by striking “June 30, 2021” and inserting “De-
2 cember 31, 2031”.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
5 WORKERS.—Section 245(a) of the Trade Act of
6 1974 is amended by striking “June 30, 2021” and
7 inserting “December 31, 2031”.

8 (2) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
9 FIRMS.—Section 255(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 is
10 amended by striking “2015 through 2021” and in-
11 serting “2026 through 2032”.

12 (3) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
13 FARMERS.—Section 298(a) of the Trade Act of 1974
14 is amended by striking “2015 through 2021” and
15 inserting “2026 through 2032”.

16 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-**
17 **ANCE PROVISIONS.**

18 (a) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORK-
19 ERS.—

20 (1) PETITIONS FILED ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
21 2021, AND BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

22 (A) CERTIFICATIONS OF WORKERS NOT
23 CERTIFIED BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

24 (i) CRITERIA IF A DETERMINATION
25 HAS NOT BEEN MADE.—If, as of the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
2 of Labor has not made a determination
3 with respect to whether to certify a group
4 of workers as eligible to apply for adjust-
5 ment assistance under section 222 of the
6 Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a petition
7 described in clause (iii), the Secretary shall
8 make that determination based on the re-
9 quirements of section 222 of the Trade Act
10 of 1974, as in effect on such date of enact-
11 ment.

12 (ii) RECONSIDERATION OF DENIALS
13 OF CERTIFICATIONS.—If, before the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 made a determination not to certify a
16 group of workers as eligible to apply for
17 adjustment assistance under section 222 of
18 the Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a peti-
19 tion described in clause (iii), the Secretary
20 shall—

21 (I) reconsider that determination;

22 and

23 (II) if the group of workers
24 meets the requirements of section 222
25 of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect

1 on such date of enactment, certify the
2 group of workers as eligible to apply
3 for adjustment assistance.

4 (iii) PETITION DESCRIBED.—A peti-
5 tion described in this clause is a petition
6 for a certification of eligibility for a group
7 of workers filed under section 221 of the
8 Trade Act of 1974 on or after July 1,
9 2021, and before the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

11 (B) ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
13 in clause (ii), a worker certified as eligible
14 to apply for adjustment assistance under
15 section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 pur-
16 suant to a petition described in subpara-
17 graph (A)(iii) shall be eligible, on and after
18 the date that is 90 days after the date of
19 the enactment of this Act, to receive bene-
20 fits only under the provisions of chapter 2
21 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in
22 effect on such date of enactment.

23 (ii) COMPUTATION OF MAXIMUM BEN-
24 EFITS.—Benefits received by a worker de-
25 scribed in clause (i) under chapter 2 of

1 title II of the Trade Act of 1974 before the
 2 date of the enactment of this Act shall be
 3 included in any determination of the max-
 4 imum benefits for which the worker is eli-
 5 gible under the provisions of chapter 2 of
 6 title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in ef-
 7 fect on the date of the enactment of this
 8 Act.

9 (2) PETITIONS FILED BEFORE JULY 1, 2021.—

10 A worker certified as eligible to apply for adjustment
 11 assistance pursuant to a petition filed under section
 12 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or before June 30,
 13 2021, shall continue to be eligible to apply for and
 14 receive benefits under the provisions of chapter 2 of
 15 title II of such Act, as in effect on June 30, 2021.

16 (3) QUALIFYING SEPARATIONS WITH RESPECT

17 TO PETITIONS FILED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF DATE OF
 18 ENACTMENT.—Section 223(b) of the Trade Act of
 19 1974, as in effect on the date of the enactment of
 20 this Act, shall be applied and administered by sub-
 21 stituting “before July 1, 2021” for “more than one
 22 year before the date of the petition on which such
 23 certification was granted” for purposes of deter-
 24 mining whether a worker is eligible to apply for ad-
 25 justment assistance pursuant to a petition filed

1 under section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on
3 or before the date that is 90 days after such date
4 of enactment.

5 (b) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.—

6 (1) CERTIFICATION OF FIRMS NOT CERTIFIED
7 BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

8 (A) CRITERIA IF A DETERMINATION HAS
9 NOT BEEN MADE.—If, as of the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
11 has not made a determination with respect to
12 whether to certify a firm as eligible to apply for
13 adjustment assistance under section 251 of the
14 Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a petition de-
15 scribed in subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall
16 make that determination based on the require-
17 ments of section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974,
18 as in effect on such date of enactment.

19 (B) RECONSIDERATION OF DENIAL OF
20 CERTAIN PETITIONS.—If, before the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary made a de-
22 termination not to certify a firm as eligible to
23 apply for adjustment assistance under section
24 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a pe-

1 tition described in subparagraph (C), the Sec-
2 retary shall—

- 3 (i) reconsider that determination; and
4 (ii) if the firm meets the requirements
5 of section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974,
6 as in effect on such date of enactment, cer-
7 tify the firm as eligible to apply for adjust-
8 ment assistance.

9 (C) PETITION DESCRIBED.—A petition de-
10 scribed in this subparagraph is a petition for a
11 certification of eligibility filed by a firm or its
12 representative under section 251 of the Trade
13 Act of 1974 on or after July 1, 2021, and be-
14 fore the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (2) CERTIFICATION OF FIRMS THAT DID NOT
16 SUBMIT PETITIONS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2021, AND
17 DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Com-
19 merce shall certify a firm described in subpara-
20 graph (B) as eligible to apply for adjustment
21 assistance under section 251 of the Trade Act
22 of 1974, as in effect on the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, if the firm or its representa-
24 tive files a petition for a certification of eligi-
25 bility under section 251 of the Trade Act of

1 1974 not later than 90 days after such date of
2 enactment.

3 (B) FIRM DESCRIBED.—A firm described
4 in this subparagraph is a firm that the Sec-
5 retary determines would have been certified as
6 eligible to apply for adjustment assistance if—

7 (i) the firm or its representative had
8 filed a petition for a certification of eligi-
9 bility under section 251 of the Trade Act
10 of 1974 on a date during the period begin-
11 ning on July 1, 2021, and ending on the
12 day before the date of the enactment of
13 this Act; and

14 (ii) the provisions of chapter 3 of title
15 II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect
16 on such date of enactment, had been in ef-
17 fect on that date during the period de-
18 scribed in clause (i).

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