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To require a study of the well-being of the United States automotive industry and stay the implementation of tariffs until the study is completed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama (for herself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Automotive Jobs Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF WELL-BEING OF UNITED STATES AUTO-**
2 **MOTIVE INDUSTRY; STAY OF ACTION ON CER-**
3 **TAIN INVESTIGATION.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The United States Inter-
5 national Trade Commission (in this section referred to as
6 the “Commission”) shall conduct a study of the economic
7 well-being, health, and vitality of the United States auto-
8 motive industry, which shall include an assessment of the
9 following:

10 (1) The number of automotive jobs in the
11 United States, regardless of whether the parent enti-
12 ty of the United States automotive producer is
13 headquartered in the United States or another coun-
14 try.

15 (2) Any growth or decline in number of auto-
16 mobile manufacturing facilities and automotive parts
17 suppliers in the United States since 1980.

18 (3) The effect an automotive plant has on the
19 unemployment rate, per capita income, and edu-
20 cation level in the community in which the plant is
21 located.

22 (4) The effect an automotive plant has on the
23 region in which the plant is located in helping the
24 region attract and expand nonautomotive jobs and
25 the effect on that region of the wages from those
26 jobs.

1 (5) The number of automobiles assembled in
2 the United States that are exported each year and
3 to which countries.

4 (6) The percentage of component parts of auto-
5 mobiles assembled in the United States that are im-
6 ported.

7 (7) The number of component parts for auto-
8 mobiles that are not produced in the United States
9 and would thus not be available to United States
10 automotive producers if prohibitively high duties
11 were imposed on imports of those parts.

12 (8) The effect an increase in automotive manu-
13 facturing costs would have on jobs in the United
14 States.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not earlier than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than one
17 year after such date of enactment, the Commission shall
18 submit to the President and Congress a report on—

19 (1) the findings of the study required by sub-
20 section (a); and

21 (2) any recommendations relating to the auto-
22 motive industry that the Commission considers ap-
23 propriate based on the study.

24 (c) STAY OF ACTION RELATING TO INVESTIGATION
25 INTO NATIONAL SECURITY EFFECTS OF AUTOMOTIVE IM-

1 PORTS.—For purposes of the requirements of subsection
2 (c) of section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962
3 (19 U.S.C. 1862), any report on the findings of the Sec-
4 retary of Commerce from the investigation of the Depart-
5 ment of Commerce under such section into the effects on
6 national security of imports of automobiles and automotive
7 parts initiated on May 23, 2018, shall not be deemed to
8 be submitted until the date on which—

9 (1) the Commission submits to the President
10 and Congress the report required by subsection (b)
11 of this section; and

12 (2) the President, after reviewing the report
13 and considering the findings and recommendations
14 of the Commission included in the report, deter-
15 mines not to reopen the investigation of the Depart-
16 ment of Commerce.

17 (d) UNITED STATES AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCER DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “United States auto-
19 motive producer” means an entity that manufactures or
20 assembles automobiles or component parts for automobiles
21 in the United States.

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