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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To limit the duties that may be imposed with respect to school supplies
and educational materials, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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school supplies and educational materials, and for other
purposes.

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 “Back-to-School Sup-
5 plies Affordability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that arbitrary and chaotic
3 tariffs increase the cost of school supplies for students,
4 families, teachers, schools, and local governments.

5 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF DUTIES ON**
6 **SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EDUCATIONAL MATE-**
7 **RIAL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act, no duty described in subsection (b)
10 applies with respect to any item described in subsection
11 (c).

12 (b) DUTY DESCRIBED.—A duty is described in this
13 subsection if the duty imposed on an article exceeds the
14 duty in effect for the article on January 19, 2025, except
15 if the duty was—

16 (1) imposed pursuant to title VII of the Tariff
17 Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.); or

18 (2) proclaimed pursuant to section 201 of the
19 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251).

20 (c) ITEMS DESCRIBED.—An item is described in this
21 subsection if—

22 (1) the item is an item used in an elementary
23 or secondary school classroom, as designated
24 through regulations issued by the Secretary of Com-
25 merce, in coordination with the Secretary of Edu-
26 cation, unless there is enacted into law a joint reso-

1 lution of disapproval under subsection (e) with re-
2 spect to the item; or

3 (2) the item is classified under any of the fol-
4 lowing headings, subheadings, and statistical report-
5 ing numbers of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
6 the United States:

7 (A) 3926.10 (Office or school supplies).

8 (B) 4202.92 (Backpack and lunchboxes).

9 (C) 4820.10.20 (Diaries, notebooks and
10 address books, bound, memorandum pads, let-
11 ter pads, and similar articles).

12 (D) 4903 (Children's picture, drawing, or
13 coloring books).

14 (E) 4910 (Calendars).

15 (F) 8471.60.20 (Keyboards).

16 (G) 9603.29.8010 (Hairbrushes).

17 (H) 9606 (Pencils, crayons, pencil leads,
18 pastels, drawing charcoals, writing or drawing
19 chalks and tailors' chalks).

20 (I) 9608 (Ball point pens, felt tipped and
21 other porous tipped pens and markers, fountain
22 pens, pencil-holders and similar holders, parts
23 of the foregoing articles).

24 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180

1 days thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit
2 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Com-
3 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
4 tives a report that includes—

5 (1) a list of the items exempt from the applica-
6 tion of duties pursuant to this Act; and

7 (2) a list of the items designated, during the
8 period covered by the report, by the Secretary pursu-
9 ant to subsection (c)(1).

10 (e) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

11 (1) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “joint resolution
13 of disapproval” means a joint resolution the sole
14 matter after the resolving clause of which is as fol-
15 lows: “That Congress disapproves the designation of
16 _____ as a school supply eligible for exemption
17 from duties under section 3 of the Back-to-School
18 Supplies Affordability Act, notice of which was sub-
19 mitted to Congress on _____.”, with the
20 first blank space being filled with the name of the
21 item and the second blank space being filled with the
22 date the report that contained the designation of the
23 item was submitted to Congress.

24 (2) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—The provisions
25 of subsections (b) through (f) of section 152 of the

1 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2192) apply to a joint
2 resolution of disapproval to the same extent that
3 such subsections apply to joint resolutions under
4 such section 152.

5 (3) RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—This subsection is enacted
7 by Congress—

8 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
9 of the Senate and the House of Representa-
10 tives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part
11 of the rules of each House, respectively, but ap-
12 plicable only with respect to the procedure to be
13 followed in that House in the case of a joint
14 resolution of disapproval, and supersedes other
15 rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent
16 with such rules; and

17 (B) with full recognition of the constitu-
18 tional right of either House to change the rules
19 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
20 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
21 to the same extent as in the case of any other
22 rule of that House.