

The Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act – H.R.6571

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<u>Supporters:</u> Over 160 associations, companies, and labor including Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), Consumer Brands Association, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), Agilent Technologies, DuPont, WL Gore, and the United Steelworkers.

U.S. Competitiveness and Supply Chain Issues

America has seen the market share of its world-class <u>manufacturing decline</u> as global economic competition has mounted. U.S. <u>global manufacturing activity</u> declined from 28% in 2002 to slightly over 18% in 2016. Meanwhile, countries like China, South Korea, Germany, and Mexico saw their manufacturing output grow faster than the United States.

This decades-long decline in manufacturing and economic leadership puts the United States in a perilous position that exposes our economy to severe supply chain disruptions and shortages. COVID-19 caused significant supply chain <u>disruptions</u>, further imperiling the country's ability to withstand economic shocks or national emergencies. These supply chain disruptions put <u>substantial inflationary pressure</u> on the U.S. economy, raising prices for working families. Since the height of the pandemic, the U.S. economy has experienced other supply chain shocks like the war in Ukraine, the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, the obstruction of the Suez Canal, several weather-related disruptions, and more.

The U.S. needs to be aware of its vulnerabilities and actively work to mitigate and prevent future shocks and disruptions. The Bipartisan Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act is a bipartisan and comprehensive solution to the supply chain crisis that will keep the U.S. economy strong and bring down the price of goods American families rely on.

The Bipartisan Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act would:

- Make the existing Assistant Secretary of Commerce responsible for leading a whole-of-government supply chain resilience effort.
- Create a Supply Chain Resiliency and Crisis Response Program that will map, monitor, and model critical supply chains and proactively address supply chain shocks before they occur.
- Create a coordination group of private sector partners, organized labor, NGOs, key allies and international actors, and relevant Federal agencies.
- Designate a list of emerging technologies for the program to focus on, including a public and transparent process for designated new technology focus areas for the resiliency program.
- Develop a national strategy that elevates the issue and creates a national action plan to address supply chain resiliency.
- Develop best practices to help private and public sector entities address and improve their supply chains.
- Conduct a capability assessment that would inform the Executive and Congress on the current ability to address supply chains and describe shortfalls for future action.

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