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To provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services.

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Ms. ESTY, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LEE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. HUFFMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

To provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Energy Tech-
3 nology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of
4 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING**
6 **AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE FUND.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

8 (1) the term “clean energy technology” means
9 a technology related to the production, use, trans-
10 mission, storage, control, or conservation of energy
11 that will contribute to a stabilization of atmospheric
12 greenhouse gas concentrations through reduction,
13 avoidance, or sequestration of energy-related emis-
14 sions and—

15 (A) reduce the need for additional energy
16 supplies by using existing energy supplies with
17 greater efficiency or by transmitting, distrib-
18 uting, or transporting energy with greater effec-
19 tiveness through the infrastructure of the
20 United States; or

21 (B) diversify the sources of energy supply
22 of the United States to strengthen energy secu-
23 rity and to increase supplies with a favorable
24 balance of environmental effects if the entire
25 technology system is considered; and

1 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
2 of Commerce.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
4 a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export
5 Assistance Fund, to be administered through the Inter-
6 national Trade Administration. The Secretary shall ad-
7 minister the Fund to promote policies that will reduce pro-
8 duction costs and encourage innovation, investment, and
9 productivity in the clean energy technology sector, and im-
10 plement a national clean energy technology export strat-
11 egy. The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that United
12 States clean energy technology firms, including clean en-
13 ergy technology parts suppliers and engineering and de-
14 sign firms, have the information and assistance they need
15 to be competitive and create clean energy technology sec-
16 tor jobs in the United States.

17 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, consistent with the
18 National Export Initiative, shall provide information,
19 tools, and other assistance to United States businesses to
20 promote clean energy technology manufacturing and facili-
21 tate the export of clean energy technology products and
22 services. Such assistance shall include—

23 (1) developing critical analysis of policies to re-
24 duce production costs and promote innovation, in-

1 vestment, and productivity in the clean energy tech-
2 nology sector;

3 (2) helping educate companies about how to tai-
4 lor their activities to specific markets with respect to
5 their product slate, financing, marketing, assembly,
6 and logistics;

7 (3) helping United States companies learn
8 about the export process and export opportunities in
9 foreign markets;

10 (4) helping United States companies to navi-
11 gate foreign markets; and

12 (5) helping United States companies provide
13 input regarding clean energy technology manufac-
14 turing and trade policy developments and trade pro-
15 motion.

16 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

17 (1) Not later than 180 days after the date of
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit
19 to the Congress a report indicating how the funds
20 provided under this section will be used to—

21 (A) focus on small- and medium-sized
22 United States businesses;

23 (B) encourage the creation and mainte-
24 nance of the greatest number of clean energy
25 technology jobs in the United States; and

1 (C) encourage the domestic production of
2 clean energy technology products and services,
3 including materials, components, equipment,
4 parts, and supplies related in any way to the
5 product or service.

6 (2) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Sec-
7 retary shall transmit to the Congress a report as-
8 sessed the extent to which the program established
9 under this section—

10 (A) has been successful in developing crit-
11 ical analysis of policies to reduce production
12 costs and promote innovation, investment, and
13 productivity in the clean energy technology sec-
14 tor;

15 (B) has been successful in increasing the
16 competitiveness of United States clean energy
17 technology firms in emerging markets;

18 (C) has been successful in assisting United
19 States businesses, specifically small- and me-
20 dium-sized firms, with exporting clean energy
21 technology products and services;

22 (D) has been successful in creating jobs di-
23 rectly related to the clean energy technology
24 sector in the United States, including specific
25 information as to the nature, location, and du-

1 ration of those jobs and the methodology used
2 by the Secretary to compile such information;

3 (E) has been successful in helping United
4 States companies provide input regarding clean
5 energy technology manufacturing and trade pol-
6 icy developments and trade promotion; and

7 (F) should be continued.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
10 appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this
11 section \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
12 2015 through 2019.

13 (2) LIMITATION.—No assistance provided using
14 funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
15 provided in the form of a monetary grant.

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