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To provide an enforcement of remedies against the extraterritorial taxes
and discriminatory taxes of foreign countries.

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A BILL

To provide an enforcement of remedies against the extraterritorial taxes and discriminatory taxes of foreign countries.

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 “Defending American
5 Jobs and Investment Act”.

1 SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT OF REMEDIES AGAINST
2 EXTRATERRITORIAL TAXES AND DISCRIMINA-
3 TORY TAXES.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part II of sub-
5 chapter N of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 “SEC. 899. ENFORCEMENT OF REMEDIES AGAINST
8 EXTRATERRITORIAL TAXES AND DISCRIMINA-
9 TORY TAXES.

10 “(a) REPORT ON EXTRATERRITORIAL TAXES AND
11 DISCRIMINATORY TAXES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this section, and
14 not less frequently than once every 180 days there-
15 after, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
16 committees of Congress a report which lists each
17 foreign country that has (as of the date of the sub-
18 mission of such report) one or more extraterritorial
19 taxes or discriminatory taxes.

20 “(2) ADDITIONAL ITEMS.—Each report sub-
21 mitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

22 “(A) with respect to each extraterritorial
23 tax or discriminatory tax of any foreign country
24 listed in such report, a description of such tax
25 including the rate thereof and the dates on

1 which such tax was enacted and takes effect,
2 and

3 “(B) if the Secretary determines that any
4 foreign country no longer has (as of the date of
5 the submission of such report) an
6 extraterritorial tax or discriminatory tax which
7 was described in any prior report submitted
8 under this subsection—

9 “(i) the dates on which the permanent
10 repeal or termination of such tax was en-
11 acted and takes effect, and

12 “(ii) whether such foreign country has
13 (as of such date) any other extraterritorial
14 taxes or discriminatory taxes.

15 “(3) DETERMINATION OF WHEN A FOREIGN
16 COUNTRY HAS AN EXTRATERRITORIAL TAX OR DIS-
17 CRIMINATORY TAX.—For purposes of this section, a
18 foreign country shall be treated as having an
19 extraterritorial tax or discriminatory tax during the
20 period—

21 “(A) beginning on the earlier of the date
22 on which such tax is enacted or takes effect,
23 and

1 “(B) ending on the later of the date on
2 which the permanent repeal or termination of
3 such tax is enacted or takes effect.

4 “(b) ENGAGEMENT WITH TRADING PARTNERS ON
5 EXTRATERRITORIAL TAXES AND DISCRIMINATORY
6 TAXES.—The Secretary shall commence enhanced bilat-
7 eral engagement with each foreign country included in the
8 report submitted under subsection (a), in order to, as ap-
9 propriate—

10 “(1) express the concern of the United States
11 with respect to the adverse trade and economic ef-
12 fects of tax policies that violate bilateral tax treaties
13 and international tax norms,

14 “(2) urge repeal of extraterritorial taxes and
15 discriminatory taxes that target United States per-
16 sons, and

17 “(3) advise such foreign country of the remedial
18 actions under subsection (c).

19 “(c) REMEDIAL ACTIONS.—

20 “(1) INCREASED RATE OF TAX ON FOREIGN
21 CITIZENS AND FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.—

22 “(A) INCOME TAXES.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
24 applicable person for any taxable year be-
25 ginning after the applicable date, each

1 specified rate of income tax shall be in-
2 creased by the applicable number of per-
3 centage points.

4 “(ii) SPECIFIED RATE OF INCOME
5 TAX.—For purposes of this subparagraph,
6 the term ‘specified rate of income tax’
7 means—

8 “(I) the rates of tax specified in
9 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
10 871(a),

11 “(II) in the case of any applica-
12 ble person to which section 871(b) ap-
13 plies, each rate of tax in effect under
14 section 1,

15 “(III) the rate of tax specified in
16 section 881(a),

17 “(IV) in the case of any applica-
18 ble person to which section 882(a) ap-
19 plies, each rate of tax in effect under
20 section 11, and

21 “(V) the rate of tax specified in
22 section 884(a).

23 “(iii) APPLICATION OF INCREASED
24 RATES TO EFFECTIVELY CONNECTED IN-
25 COME OF NONRESIDENT ALIEN INDIVID-

1 UALS LIMITED TO GAINS ON UNITED
2 STATES REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.—In
3 the case of any individual to whom clause
4 (i) applies, the tax imposed under section
5 1 on such individual (after application of
6 clause (ii)(II)) shall be reduced (but not
7 below zero) by the excess of—

8 “(I) the tax which would be im-
9 posed under such section (after appli-
10 cation of clause (ii)(II)) if FIRPTA
11 items were not taken into account,
12 over

13 “(II) the tax which would be im-
14 posed under such section if FIRPTA
15 items were not taken into account,
16 and clause (ii)(II) did not apply.

17 For purposes of this clause, the term
18 ‘FIRPTA items’ means gains and losses
19 taken into account under section 871(b)(1)
20 by reason of section 897(a)(1)(A).

21 “(B) WITHHOLDING TAXES.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
23 payment to an applicable person after the
24 applicable date, the rate of tax specified in
25 sections 1441(a) and 1442(a) (other than

1 the 14 percent rate of tax specified in sec-
2 tion 1441(a)) shall each be increased by
3 the applicable number of percentage
4 points.

5 “(ii) DISPOSITION OF UNITED STATES
6 REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.—In the case
7 of any disposition of a United States real
8 property interest (as defined in section
9 897(c)) by an applicable person after the
10 applicable date, the rate of tax specified in
11 section 1445(a) shall be increased by the
12 applicable number of percentage points.

13 “(iii) OTHER DISPOSITIONS AND DIS-
14 TRIBUTIONS RELATED TO UNITED STATES
15 REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS.—In the case
16 of any disposition or distribution described
17 in any paragraph of section 1445(e) made
18 after the applicable date, each rate of tax
19 in such paragraph shall be increased by
20 the applicable number of percentage points
21 if—

22 “(I) in the case of section
23 1445(e)(1), the foreign person re-
24 ferred to in subparagraph (A) or (B)

1 of such section is an applicable per-
2 son,

3 “(II) in the case of section
4 1445(e)(2), the foreign corporation re-
5 ferred to in such section is an applica-
6 ble person,

7 “(III) in the case of section
8 1445(e)(3), the foreign shareholder
9 referred to in such section is an applica-
10 ble person,

11 “(IV) in the case of section
12 1445(e)(4), the foreign person re-
13 ferred to in such section is an applica-
14 ble person,

15 “(V) in the case of section
16 1445(e)(5), the Secretary issues regu-
17 lations or other guidance providing for
18 such increase, and

19 “(VI) in the case of section
20 1445(e)(6), the nonresident alien indi-
21 vidual or foreign corporation referred
22 to in such section is an applicable per-
23 son.

1 “(C) APPLICABLE PERSON.—For purposes
2 of this paragraph, the term ‘applicable person’
3 means—

4 “(i) any individual (other than a cit-
5 izen or resident of the United States) who
6 is a citizen of a foreign country listed in a
7 report under subsection (a),

8 “(ii) any foreign corporation (other
9 than a specified 10-percent owned foreign
10 corporation, as defined in section 245A(b))
11 which is created or organized in such a
12 foreign country or subject to the income
13 tax laws of such foreign country, and

14 “(iii) in the case of the application of
15 subparagraph (B)(i) with respect to section
16 1441(a), foreign partnerships to the extent
17 provided by the Secretary (and taking into
18 account the rules of section 1441(d)).

19 “(D) APPLICABLE DATE.—For purposes of
20 this paragraph, the term ‘applicable date’
21 means with respect to any foreign country, the
22 day after the 180-day period beginning on the
23 date of the submission of the first report under
24 subsection (a) which lists such foreign country.

1 “(E) APPLICABLE NUMBER OF PERCENT-
2 AGE POINTS.—For purposes of this para-
3 graph—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘applica-
5 ble number of percentage points’ means,
6 with respect to any foreign country—

7 “(I) with respect to the 1-year
8 period beginning on the applicable
9 date with respect to such foreign
10 country, 5 percentage points,

11 “(II) with respect to the 1-year
12 period beginning with the close of the
13 period described in subclause (I), 10
14 percentage points,

15 “(III) with respect to the 1-year
16 period beginning with the close of the
17 period described in subclause (II), 15
18 percentage points, and

19 “(IV) with respect to any time
20 after the close of the period described
21 in subclause (III), 20 percentage
22 points.

23 “(ii) APPLICATION TO TAXABLE
24 YEARS.—For purposes of subparagraph
25 (A), the applicable number of percentage

1 points shall be determined with respect to
2 the date on which the taxable year begins.

3 “(iii) APPLICATION TO WITHHOLDING
4 TAXES.—For purposes of subparagraph
5 (B), the applicable number of percentage
6 points shall be determined with respect to
7 the date of the payment or disposition, as
8 the case may be.

9 “(F) EFFECT OF PERMANENT REPEAL OR
10 TERMINATION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL AND DIS-
11 CRIMINATORY TAXES.—If the Secretary deter-
12 mines under subsection (a)(2)(B)(ii) that any
13 foreign country no longer has any
14 extraterritorial or discriminatory taxes, then in
15 the case of any taxable year beginning, or pay-
16 ment or disposition made, after the date of the
17 submission of the report which includes such
18 determination, this section shall be applied with
19 respect to such foreign country by not taking
20 into account any report submitted before such
21 date.

22 “(2) OTHER REMEDIES.—

23 “(A) PROCUREMENT.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The President
25 may prohibit the Federal Government from

1 procuring, or entering into any contract for
2 the procurement of, goods or services from
3 applicable persons during the period begin-
4 ning on the applicable date and ending on
5 the date of any determination described in
6 paragraph (1)(F) by the Secretary with re-
7 spect to such foreign country.

8 “(ii) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-
9 TION.—If the President takes any action
10 described in clause (i), the President shall,
11 not later than 30 days after the date of
12 such action, notify the appropriate commit-
13 tees of Congress of such action.

14 “(B) TAX TREATIES.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
16 shall take into account the extraterritorial
17 taxes and discriminatory taxes of any for-
18 eign country in assessing whether to enter
19 into a bilateral tax treaty with such foreign
20 country or to participate in negotiations
21 with respect to updating a bilateral tax
22 treaty with such foreign country.

23 “(ii) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-
24 TION.—If the Secretary begins negotia-
25 tions with respect to entering into or up-

1 dating any bilateral tax treaty with any
2 foreign country that imposes one or more
3 extraterritorial or discriminatory taxes, the
4 Secretary shall, not later than 30 days
5 after beginning such negotiations, notify
6 the appropriate committees of Congress of
7 such action. Such notification shall include
8 a description of the manner in which such
9 taxes are being taken into account as re-
10 quired under clause (i).

11 “(C) TRADE AGREEMENTS.—

20 “(ii) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICA-
21 TION.—If the United States Trade Rep-
22 resentative or the Secretary of Commerce
23 begins negotiations with respect to enter-
24 ing into any free trade agreement or Exec-
25 utive agreement on trade with any foreign

1 country that imposes one or more
2 extraterritorial or discriminatory taxes, the
3 United States Trade Representative or the
4 Secretary of Commerce (as the case may
5 be) shall, not later than 30 days after be-
6 ginning such negotiations, notify the ap-
7 propriate committees of Congress of such
8 action. Such notification shall include a de-
9 scription of the manner in which such
10 taxes are being taken into account as re-
11 quired under clause (i).

12 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

13 “(1) EXTRATERRITORIAL TAX.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term
15 ‘extraterritorial tax’ means any tax imposed by
16 a foreign country on a corporation (including
17 any trade or business of such corporation)
18 which is determined by reference to any income
19 or profits received by any person (including any
20 trade or business of any person) by reason of
21 such person being connected to such corpora-
22 tion through any chain of ownership, deter-
23 mined without regard to the ownership interests
24 of any individual, and other than by reason of

1 such corporation having a direct or indirect
2 ownership interest in such person.

3 “(B) TAX.—The term ‘tax’ includes any
4 increase in tax whether effectuated by an in-
5 crease in the rate or base of a tax, by a denial
6 of deductions or credits, or otherwise.

7 “(2) DISCRIMINATORY TAX.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise
9 provided in subparagraph (B), the term ‘dis-
10 criminatory tax’ means any tax imposed by a
11 foreign country if—

12 “(i) such tax applies to items of in-
13 come that would not be considered to be
14 from sources within the foreign country
15 under the rules of part I of this subchapter
16 if such part were applied by treating such
17 foreign country as though it were the
18 United States,

19 “(ii) such tax is imposed on a base
20 other than net income and is not computed
21 by permitting recovery of costs and ex-
22 penses,

23 “(iii) such tax is exclusively or pre-
24 dominantly applicable, in practice or by its
25 terms, to nonresident individuals and for-

1 eign corporations or partnerships (as de-
2 termined under rules similar to paragraphs
3 (4) and (5) of section 7701(a) by treating
4 the foreign country as though it were the
5 United States) because of the application
6 of revenue thresholds, exemptions or exclu-
7 sions for taxpayers subject to such foreign
8 country's corporate income tax, or restric-
9 tions of scope that ensure that substan-
10 tially all residents (other than foreign cor-
11 porations and partnerships (as so deter-
12 mined)) supplying comparable goods or
13 services are excluded from the application
14 of such tax, or

15 “(iv) such tax is not treated as an in-
16 come tax under the laws of such foreign
17 country or is otherwise treated by such for-
18 eign country as outside the scope of any
19 agreements that are in force between such
20 foreign country and one or more other ju-
21 risdictions for the avoidance of double tax-
22 ation with respect to taxes on income.

23 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Except as otherwise
24 provided by the Secretary, the term ‘discrimina-

1 tory taxes' shall not include any generally appli-
2 cable tax which constitutes—

3 “(i) a withholding tax on amounts de-
4 scribed in sections 871(a)(1) and 881(a),

5 “(ii) a value added tax, goods and
6 services tax, sales tax, or other similar tax
7 on consumption,

8 “(iii) a tax imposed with respect to
9 transactions on a per-unit or per-trans-
10 action basis rather than on an ad valorem
11 basis, or

12 “(iv) any other similar tax identified
13 by the Secretary for purposes of this sub-
14 paragraph.

15 “(3) FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term ‘foreign
16 country’ means a foreign country or a dependent
17 territory or possession of a foreign country. Such
18 term does not include any possession of the United
19 States.

20 “(4) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
21 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
22 gress’ means—

23 “(A) the Committee on Finance and the
24 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
25 and

1 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
2 and the Committee on Ways and Means of the
3 House of Representatives.

4 “(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
5 the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s del-
6 egate.

7 “(e) REGULATIONS AND OTHER GUIDANCE.—The
8 Secretary may issue such regulations or other guidance
9 as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the pur-
10 poses of this section, including regulations or other guid-
11 ance which provide for such adjustments to the application
12 of this section as are necessary to prevent the avoidance
13 of the purposes of this section.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for subpart D of part II of subchapter N of chapter 1
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 899. Enforcement of remedies against extraterritorial taxes and discriminatory taxes.”.

