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H. R. 4653

To require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct a study on the detrimental impact of the Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive on United States companies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2023

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 “Protecting U.S. Busi-
5 ness Sovereignty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF THE DIREC-**
2 **TIVE ON CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE**
3 **DILIGENCE AND CORPORATE SUSTAIN-**
4 **ABILITY REPORTING DIRECTIVE.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Securities and Exchange Commis-
6 sion shall conduct a study to examine and evaluate—

7 (1) the detrimental impact and potential detri-
8 mental impact of each of the Directives on—

9 (A) United States companies, consumers,
10 and investors; and

11 (B) the economy of the United States;

12 (2) the extent to which each of the Directives
13 aligns with international conventions and declara-
14 tions on human rights and environmental obliga-
15 tions; and

16 (3) the legal basis for the extraterritorial reach
17 of each of the Directives.

18 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange
20 Commission shall submit to the Committee on Banking,
21 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee
22 on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, the
23 Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the
24 United States Trade Representative a report that in-
25 cludes—

1 (1) the results of the study conducted under
2 this section; and

3 (2) recommendations for policymakers and rel-
4 evant stakeholders on potential mitigating measures,
5 alternative approaches, or modifications to each of
6 the Directives that would address any concerns iden-
7 tified in the study.

8 (c) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Securities and
9 Exchange Commission may request from private entities
10 such relevant data and information as the Securities and
11 Exchange Commission determines necessary to carry out
12 the study required under this section and such private en-
13 tities shall provide such requested data and information
14 to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

15 (d) DIRECTIVES DEFINED.—In this section the term
16 “Directives” means—

17 (1) the proposed directive entitled “Corporate
18 Sustainability Due Diligence” adopted by the Euro-
19 pean Commission on February 23, 2022; and

20 (2) the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Di-
21 rective of the European Commission effective Janu-
22 ary 5, 2023.

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