

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2952

To extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

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 “AGOA Extension Act
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

9 (1) Since its enactment in 2000, the African
10 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et
11 seq.) has been the centerpiece of trade relations be-
12 tween the United States and sub-Saharan Africa

1 and has enhanced trade, investment, job creation,
2 and democratic institutions throughout Africa.

3 (2) Trade and investment, as facilitated by the
4 African Growth and Opportunity Act, promote eco-
5 nomic growth, development, poverty reduction, de-
6 mocracy, the rule of law, and stability in sub-Saha-
7 ran Africa.

8 (3) Since its initial enactment, the trade pref-
9 erence program under the African Growth and Op-
10 portunity Act, which has bipartisan support, has
11 played an integral role in creating economic oppor-
12 tunity in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as supporting
13 nearly 120,000 jobs in the United States.

14 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress that—

16 (1) it is in the interest of the United States to
17 engage and compete in emerging markets in sub-Sa-
18 haran African countries, to boost trade and invest-
19 ment between the United States and sub-Saharan
20 African countries, and to renew the African Growth
21 and Opportunity Act;

22 (2) the long-term economic security of the
23 United States is enhanced by strong economic and
24 political ties with the fastest-growing economies in
25 the world, many of which are in sub-Saharan Africa;

1 (3) it is a goal of the United States to further
2 integrate sub-Saharan African countries into the
3 global economy, stimulate economic development in
4 Africa, and diversify sources of growth in sub-Saha-
5 ran Africa;

6 (4) the elimination of barriers to trade and in-
7 vestment in sub-Saharan Africa, including high tar-
8 iffs, forced localization requirements, restrictions on
9 investment, and customs barriers, will create oppor-
10 tunities for workers, businesses, farmers, and ranch-
11 ers in the United States and sub-Saharan African
12 countries; and

13 (5) extending the African Growth and Oppor-
14 tunity Act for 20 years provides stability for all par-
15 ties involved and creates more time before Congress
16 must again address its expiration.

17 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPOR-**
18 **TUNITY ACT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 506B of the Trade Act
20 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466b) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “section 506A(c)” and inserting
22 “section 506A(e)”; and

23 (2) by striking “September 30, 2025” and in-
24 serting “September 30, 2045”.

25 (b) AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(g) of the Afri-
2 can Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
3 3721(g)) is amended by striking “September 30,
4 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2045”.

5 (2) EXTENSION OF REGIONAL APPAREL ARTI-
6 CLE PROGRAM.—Section 112(b)(3)(A) of the African
7 Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C.
8 3721(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

9 (A) in clause (i), by striking “21 suc-
10 ceeding” and inserting “41 succeeding”; and

11 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “Sep-
12 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30,
13 2045”.

14 (3) EXTENSION OF THIRD-COUNTRY FABRIC
15 PROGRAM.—Section 112(c)(1) of the African Growth
16 and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(1)) is
17 amended—

18 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
19 “SEPTEMBER 30, 2025” and inserting “SEP-
20 TEMBER 30, 2045”;

21 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Sep-
22 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30,
23 2045”; and

1 (C) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
2 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “Sep-
3 tember 30, 2045”.

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