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To reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Trade Adjustment As-  
5 sistance Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO TRADE**

7 **ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

8 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.**—Ex-  
9 cept as otherwise provided in this Act, the provisions of  
10 chapters 2 through 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974,

1 as in effect on June 30, 2021, and as amended by this  
2 Act, shall—

3 (1) take effect on the date of the enactment of  
4 this Act; and

5 (2) apply to petitions for certification filed  
6 under chapter 2, 3, or 6 of title II of the Trade Act  
7 of 1974 on or after such date of enactment.

8 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise provided in  
9 this Act, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal  
10 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,  
11 a provision of chapters 2 through 6 of title II of the Trade  
12 Act of 1974, the reference shall be considered to be made  
13 to a provision of any such chapter, as in effect on June  
14 30, 2021.

15 **SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**  
16 **PROGRAM.**

17 (a) TERMINATION PROVISIONS.—Section 285 of the  
18 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 note) is amended by  
19 striking “June 30, 2021” each place it appears and insert-  
20 ing “December 31, 2030”.

21 (b) TRAINING FUNDS.—Section 236(a)(2)(A) of the  
22 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2)(A)) is amended  
23 by striking “2015 through 2021” and inserting “2025  
24 through 2031”.

1 (c) REEMPLOYMENT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-  
2 ANCE.—Section 246(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19  
3 U.S.C. 2318(b)(1)) is amended by striking “June 30,  
4 2021” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 (1) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR  
7 WORKERS.—Section 245(a) of the Trade Act of  
8 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(a)) is amended by striking  
9 “June 30, 2021” and inserting “December 31,  
10 2030”.

11 (2) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR  
12 FIRMS.—Section 255(a) of the Trade Act of 1974  
13 (19 U.S.C. 2345(a)) is amended by striking “2015  
14 through 2021” and inserting “2025 through 2031”.

15 (3) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR  
16 FARMERS.—Section 298(a) of the Trade Act of 1974  
17 (19 U.S.C. 2401g(a)) is amended by striking “2015  
18 through 2021” and inserting “2025 through 2031”.

19 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-**  
20 **ANCE PROVISIONS.**

21 (a) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORK-  
22 ERS.—

23 (1) PETITIONS FILED ON OR AFTER JULY 1,  
24 2021, AND BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

1 (A) CERTIFICATIONS OF WORKERS NOT  
2 CERTIFIED BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

3 (i) CRITERIA IF A DETERMINATION  
4 HAS NOT BEEN MADE.—If, as of the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Labor has not made a determination  
7 with respect to whether to certify a group  
8 of workers as eligible to apply for adjust-  
9 ment assistance under section 222 of the  
10 Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a petition  
11 described in clause (iii), the Secretary shall  
12 make that determination based on the re-  
13 quirements of section 222 of the Trade Act  
14 of 1974, as in effect on such date of enact-  
15 ment.

16 (ii) RECONSIDERATION OF DENIALS  
17 OF CERTIFICATIONS.—If, before the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19 made a determination not to certify a  
20 group of workers as eligible to apply for  
21 adjustment assistance under section 222 of  
22 the Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a peti-  
23 tion described in clause (iii), the Secretary  
24 shall—

1 (I) reconsider that determination;  
2 and

3 (II) if the group of workers  
4 meets the requirements of section 222  
5 of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect  
6 on such date of enactment, certify the  
7 group of workers as eligible to apply  
8 for adjustment assistance.

9 (iii) PETITION DESCRIBED.—A peti-  
10 tion described in this clause is a petition  
11 for a certification of eligibility for a group  
12 of workers filed under section 221 of the  
13 Trade Act of 1974 on or after July 1,  
14 2021, and before the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act.

16 (B) ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
18 in clause (ii), a worker certified as eligible  
19 to apply for adjustment assistance under  
20 section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 pur-  
21 suant to a petition described in subpara-  
22 graph (A)(iii) shall be eligible, on and after  
23 the date that is 90 days after the date of  
24 the enactment of this Act, to receive bene-  
25 fits only under the provisions of chapter 2

1 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in  
2 effect on such date of enactment.

3 (ii) COMPUTATION OF MAXIMUM BEN-  
4 EFITS.—Benefits received by a worker de-  
5 scribed in clause (i) under chapter 2 of  
6 title II of the Trade Act of 1974 before the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act shall be  
8 included in any determination of the max-  
9 imum benefits for which the worker is eli-  
10 gible under the provisions of chapter 2 of  
11 title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in ef-  
12 fect on the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act.

14 (2) PETITIONS FILED BEFORE JULY 1, 2021.—

15 A worker certified as eligible to apply for adjustment  
16 assistance pursuant to a petition filed under section  
17 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or before June 30,  
18 2021, shall continue to be eligible to apply for and  
19 receive benefits under the provisions of chapter 2 of  
20 title II of such Act, as in effect on June 30, 2021.

21 (3) QUALIFYING SEPARATIONS WITH RESPECT  
22 TO PETITIONS FILED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF DATE OF  
23 ENACTMENT.—Section 223(b) of the Trade Act of  
24 1974, as in effect on the date of the enactment of  
25 this Act, shall be applied and administered by sub-

1       stituting “before July 1, 2021” for “more than one  
2       year before the date of the petition on which such  
3       certification was granted” for purposes of deter-  
4       mining whether a worker is eligible to apply for ad-  
5       justment assistance pursuant to a petition filed  
6       under section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or  
7       after the date of the enactment of this Act and on  
8       or before the date that is 90 days after such date  
9       of enactment.

10       (b) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.—

11               (1) CERTIFICATION OF FIRMS NOT CERTIFIED  
12       BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

13               (A) CRITERIA IF A DETERMINATION HAS  
14       NOT BEEN MADE.—If, as of the date of the en-  
15       actment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce  
16       has not made a determination with respect to  
17       whether to certify a firm as eligible to apply for  
18       adjustment assistance under section 251 of the  
19       Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a petition de-  
20       scribed in subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall  
21       make that determination based on the require-  
22       ments of section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974,  
23       as in effect on such date of enactment.

24               (B) RECONSIDERATION OF DENIAL OF  
25       CERTAIN PETITIONS.—If, before the date of the

1 enactment of this Act, the Secretary made a de-  
2 termination not to certify a firm as eligible to  
3 apply for adjustment assistance under section  
4 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to a pe-  
5 tition described in subparagraph (C), the Sec-  
6 retary shall—

7 (i) reconsider that determination; and

8 (ii) if the firm meets the requirements  
9 of section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974,  
10 as in effect on such date of enactment, cer-  
11 tify the firm as eligible to apply for adjust-  
12 ment assistance.

13 (C) PETITION DESCRIBED.—A petition de-  
14 scribed in this subparagraph is a petition for a  
15 certification of eligibility filed by a firm or its  
16 representative under section 251 of the Trade  
17 Act of 1974 on or after July 1, 2021, and be-  
18 fore the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 (2) CERTIFICATION OF FIRMS THAT DID NOT  
20 SUBMIT PETITIONS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2021, AND  
21 DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Com-  
23 merce shall certify a firm described in subpara-  
24 graph (B) as eligible to apply for adjustment  
25 assistance under section 251 of the Trade Act



1 of 1974, as in effect on the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this Act, if the firm or its representa-  
3 tive files a petition for a certification of eligi-  
4 bility under section 251 of the Trade Act of  
5 1974 not later than 90 days after such date of  
6 enactment.

7 (B) FIRM DESCRIBED.—A firm described  
8 in this subparagraph is a firm that the Sec-  
9 retary determines would have been certified as  
10 eligible to apply for adjustment assistance if—

11 (i) the firm or its representative had  
12 filed a petition for a certification of eligi-  
13 bility under section 251 of the Trade Act  
14 of 1974 on a date during the period begin-  
15 ning on July 1, 2021, and ending on the  
16 day before the date of the enactment of  
17 this Act; and

18 (ii) the provisions of chapter 3 of title  
19 II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect  
20 on such date of enactment, had been in ef-  
21 fect on that date during the period de-  
22 scribed in clause (i).

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