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To require the Secretary of Commerce to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Commerce to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.

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. NATIONAL MANUFACTURING STRATEGY.**

4 (a) ASSESSMENT OF UNITED STATES MANUFAC-
5 TURING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the
6 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall
7 assess the United States economy to determine what goods
8 the United States currently produces, where such goods
9 are produced, in which manufacturing sector the United

1 States is most competitive in the global economy, and
2 what policies are necessary to maintain or increase the
3 competitiveness of United States manufacturing in the
4 global economy.

5 (b) NATIONAL MANUFACTURING STRATEGY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary shall develop a comprehensive national manu-
9 facturing strategy.

10 (2) GOALS OF STRATEGY.—The goals of the
11 strategy required by paragraph (1) are as follows:

12 (A) To increase the aggregate number of
13 manufacturing jobs in the United States.

14 (B) To identify emerging technologies to
15 strengthen the competitiveness of the United
16 States in the global marketplace.

17 (C) To strengthen manufacturing sectors
18 in which the United States is most competitive
19 in the global economy.

20 (3) SUBMITTAL OF STRATEGY.—Not later than
21 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Secretary shall submit to Congress the strategy
23 required by paragraph (1).

24 (c) TARGETS FOR GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES
25 MANUFACTURING SECTOR.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary shall establish targets for the growth of
4 United States manufacturing, including targets for
5 job creation, for each of fiscal years 2012 through
6 2016.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall submit to Congress a report on the targets es-
10 tablished by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph
11 (1).

12 (d) SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING SUPPORT PRO-
13 GRAMS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary shall—

17 (A) conduct a survey of all Federal agen-
18 cies that provide support to United States man-
19 ufacturers, including—

- 20 (i) the Department of Commerce;
21 (ii) the Department of Defense;
22 (iii) the Department of Energy;
23 (iv) the Department of Labor;
24 (v) the Department of the Treasury;

1 (vi) the Small Business Administra-
2 tion;

3 (vii) the Office of Management and
4 Budget;

5 (viii) the Office of Science and Tech-
6 nology Policy;

7 (ix) the Office of the United States
8 Trade Representative; and

9 (x) such other Federal agencies as the
10 Secretary considers appropriate; and

11 (B) submit to Congress a report on such
12 survey that includes the recommendations of
13 the Secretary on how each Federal agency sur-
14 veyed can best support the comprehensive na-
15 tional manufacturing strategy required by sub-
16 section (b)(1).

17 (2) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The head of
18 each agency of the Federal Government shall, to the
19 extent practicable, cooperate with the Secretary of
20 Commerce in the conduct of the survey required by
21 paragraph (1) and provide to the Secretary such in-
22 formation about such United States manufacturing
23 sectors as the Secretary may require.

24 (3) LISTENING SESSIONS.—In conducting the
25 survey required by paragraph (1), the Secretary

1 shall hold not fewer than 2 listening sessions that
2 include witnesses from manufacturing sectors that
3 the Secretary considers important.

4 (e) REPORT ON PROGRESS AND TRENDS IN MANU-
5 FACTURING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
7 Congress a report that summarizes the progress and
8 trends in United States manufacturing since the Sec-
9 retary’s 2004 report, “Manufacturing in America: A Com-
10 prehensive Strategy to Address the Challenges to United
11 States Manufacturers”, and 2009 report, “A Framework
12 for Revitalizing American Manufacturing”.

13 (f) BIENNIAL MANUFACTURER SURVEY AND RE-
14 PORT.—

15 (1) SURVEY.—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act and not less fre-
17 quently than once every 2 years thereafter through
18 fiscal year 2016, the Secretary shall conduct a sur-
19 vey of all persons with headquarters in the United
20 States that maintain manufacturing facilities outside
21 of the United States to identify—

22 (A) the categories of products manufac-
23 tured at such facilities; and

24 (B) the number of manufacturing jobs lo-
25 cated at such facilities.

1 (2) PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND COM-
2 PETITIVENESS OF MANUFACTURING SECTOR.—In
3 carrying out each survey required by paragraph (1),
4 the Secretary shall ensure that the information gath-
5 ered is useful for understanding how policy can be
6 tailored to promote development and competitiveness
7 in the manufacturing sector.

8 (3) DATABASE.—The Secretary shall create and
9 maintain a database of the information collected
10 through each survey conducted pursuant to para-
11 graph (1).

12 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
13 conducting each survey required by paragraph (1),
14 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
15 the most recent survey conducted pursuant to para-
16 graph (1), including the following:

17 (A) The findings of the Secretary with re-
18 spect to such survey.

19 (B) Longitudinal trends in United States
20 manufacturing and the creation of manufac-
21 turing jobs in the United States.

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