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To amend the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN (for himself and Mr. MANZULLO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “American Export Pro-
5 motion and Job Creation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED COORDINATION EXPORT PROMOTION**
2 **ACTIVITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

3 Section 2312 of the Export Enhancement Act of
4 1988 (relating to the Trade Promotion Coordinating Com-
5 mittee; 15 U.S.C. 4727) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and”
8 after the semicolon;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
10 paragraph (7); and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
12 following:

13 “(6) in making the assessments under para-
14 graph (5), review the proposed annual budget of
15 each agency described in paragraph (5) before the
16 agency submits that budget to the Office of Manage-
17 ment and Budget and the President for inclusion in
18 the budget of the United States submitted to Con-
19 gress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United
20 States Code; and”;

21 (2) in subsection (c)—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
23 through (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), re-
24 spectively; and

25 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
26 following:

1 “(3) in conducting the review and developing
2 the plan under paragraph (2), take into account rec-
3 ommendations from a representative number of
4 United States exporters, in particular small busi-
5 nesses and medium-sized businesses, and representa-
6 tives of United States workers;” and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(g) EXECUTIVE ORDER AND REGULATIONS.—The
9 President shall issue an executive order and such regula-
10 tions as are necessary to provide the chairperson of the
11 TPCC with the authority to ensure that the TPCC carries
12 out each of its duties under subsection (b) and develops
13 and implements the strategic plan under subsection (c).

14 “(h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘small
15 business’ means a small business concern as defined under
16 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. COMMERCIAL**
18 **SERVICE RESOURCES.**

19 Section 2301(e)(4) of the Export Enhancement Act
20 of 1988 (relating to the United States and Foreign Com-
21 mercial Service; 15 U.S.C. 4721(e)(4)) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
23 through (F) as subparagraphs (C) through (G), re-
24 spectively;

1 (2) by striking “(4) FOREIGN OFFICES.—(A)
2 The Secretary may” and inserting the following:

3 “(4) FOREIGN OFFICES.—(A)(i) The Secretary
4 shall conduct a global assessment of overseas mar-
5 kets to determine those with the greatest potential
6 for increasing United States exports, and to redeploy
7 the Commercial Service personnel and other re-
8 sources on the basis of the global assessment.

9 “(ii) The assessment conducted under clause (i)
10 shall take into account recommendations from a rep-
11 resented number of United States exporters, in par-
12 ticular small- and medium-sized businesses, and rep-
13 resentatives of United States workers.

14 “(iii) Not later than 6 months after the date of
15 enactment of the American Export Promotion and
16 Job Creation Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
17 gress results of the global assessment conducted
18 under clause (i) and a plan for redeployment of
19 Commercial Service personnel and other resources
20 on the basis of the global assessment.

21 “(iv) The Secretary shall conduct an assess-
22 ment and redeployment described in clause (i) not
23 less than once in every 5-year period.

24 “(B) The Secretary may”; and

1 (3) in subparagraph (F), as redesignated, by
2 striking “is authorized, upon the request of the Sec-
3 retary, to provide” and inserting “shall, upon the re-
4 quest of the Secretary, provide”.

5 **SEC. 4. STRENGTHENED U.S. COMMERCIAL DIPLOMACY IN**
6 **SUPPORT OF U.S. EXPORTS.**

7 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.—Section 207(c) of the
8 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927(c)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by inserting before the period at the end the
11 following: “, including through the development of a
12 plan, drafted in consultation with the ambassador to
13 such country, the Director General of the United
14 States and Foreign Commercial Service, and the
15 heads of other Federal departments and agencies
16 with export promotion programs acting through the
17 Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, for effec-
18 tive diplomacy to remove or reduce obstacles to ex-
19 ports of United States goods and services”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
21 tence: “The chief of mission shall, prior to imple-
22 mentation of the plan required under this sub-
23 section, submit to the Secretary such plan for review
24 by the Secretary.”.

1 (b) ASSESSMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.—Section
2 603(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C.
3 4003(a)) is amended, in the second sentence, by inserting
4 before “and (with respect to” the following: “assessments
5 (with respect to members of the Service with responsibil-
6 ities relating to economic affairs) of the effectiveness of
7 efforts to promote the export of United States goods and
8 services in accordance with a commercial diplomacy plan
9 developed pursuant to section 207(c),”.

10 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Section 209(b) of the
11 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3929(b)) is
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
16 graph (6); and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(5) the effectiveness of commercial diplomacy
20 relating to the promotion of exports of United States
21 goods and services; and”.

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