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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To modify the bases for ineligibility for countries to benefit from the
Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAHOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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from the Generalized System of Preferences, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Digital Trade for De-
5 velopment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE**
2 **COUNTRIES.**

3 Section 502 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
4 2462) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

6 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
7 through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (I),
8 respectively;

9 (B) in the matter following subparagraph
10 (H), by striking “(D), (E), (F), (G), and (H)
11 (to the extent described in section 507(6)(D))”
12 and inserting “(D), (E), (F), (G), (H), and (I)
13 (to the extent described in section 507(6)(D))”;
14 and

15 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
16 the following new subparagraph:

17 “(D) The President, acting through the
18 United States Trade Representative, determines
19 that such country restricts digital trade to the
20 detriment of United States development goals,
21 strategic interests, or competitiveness.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “;
24 and” and the end and inserting a semicolon;

25 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
26 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(8) the extent to which, in the determination
4 of the President acting through the United States
5 Trade Representative, such country—

6 “(A) has refrained from imposing, or has
7 eliminated, digital trade barriers, including un-
8 necessary data transfer restrictions and data lo-
9 calization mandates; and

10 “(B) has taken steps to support consumer
11 protections and the privacy of personal informa-
12 tion online and to extend the benefits of digital
13 trade to all.”.