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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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”.
SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE COUNTRIES.

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

(1) in subsection (b)(2)—

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

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

and

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

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

(2) in subsection (c)—

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

(B) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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

“(A) has refrained from imposing, or has eliminated, digital trade barriers, including unnecessary data transfer restrictions and data localization mandates; and

“(B) has taken steps to support consumer protections and the privacy of personal information online and to extend the benefits of digital trade to all.”.