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To establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLL FREE NUMBER.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within 180 days of the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
6 shall establish a toll free number which may be used by
7 consumers—

8 (1) to determine if a product is made in Amer-
9 ica, and

1 (2) learn where products may be purchased or
2 learn a telephone number which will provide infor-
3 mation on the purchase of products.

4 The Secretary shall publish the number in the Federal
5 Register and undertake such outreach activities as may
6 be appropriate to publicize the number.

7 (b) USE.—Consumers who use the toll free number
8 shall be informed that the product list is not complete but
9 is derived from registrations under section 2.

10 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION.**

11 The Secretary of Commerce shall establish a proce-
12 dure under which the manufacturer of a product which
13 is made in America may register with the Secretary and
14 have such product included in the information available
15 through the toll free number established under section 1.

16 **SEC. 3. PENALTY.**

17 Any manufacturer of a product who registers a prod-
18 uct with the Secretary of Commerce under section 2 which
19 is not made in America may not offer such product for
20 purchase by the Federal Government and shall be subject
21 to prosecution under section 5 of the Federal Trade Com-
22 mission Act for making a deceptive claim.

23 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

24 For purposes of this Act, the term “made in Amer-
25 ica” means—

1 (1) an unmanufactured end product mined or
2 produced in the United States, or

3 (2) an end product manufactured in the United
4 States if the cost of its components mined, pro-
5 duced, or manufactured in the United States exceeds
6 50 percent of the cost of all of its components.

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