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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2013

Mr. TERRY (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. BARROW of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Global Investment in  
5 American Jobs Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) It remains an urgent national priority to  
4 improve economic growth and create new jobs.

5 (2) National security requires economic  
6 strength and global engagement.

7 (3) Businesses today have a wide array of  
8 choices when considering where to invest, expand, or  
9 establish new operations.

10 (4) Administrations of both parties have con-  
11 sistently reaffirmed the need to promote an open in-  
12 vestment climate as a key to domestic economic  
13 prosperity and security.

14 (5) The United States has historically been the  
15 largest worldwide recipient of foreign direct invest-  
16 ment but has seen its share decline in recent years.

17 (6) The United States faces increasing competi-  
18 tion from other countries as it works to recruit in-  
19 vestment from global companies.

20 (7) Foreign direct investment can benefit the  
21 economy and workforce of every State and Common-  
22 wealth in the United States.

23 (8) According to the latest Federal statistics,  
24 the United States subsidiaries of companies  
25 headquartered abroad contribute to the United

1 States economy in a variety of important ways, in-  
2 cluding by—

3 (A) providing jobs for an estimated  
4 5,600,000 Americans, with compensation that  
5 is often higher than the national private-sector  
6 average, as many of these jobs are in high-  
7 skilled, high-paying industries;

8 (B) strengthening the United States indus-  
9 trial base and employing nearly 15 percent of  
10 the United States manufacturing sector work-  
11 force;

12 (C) establishing operations in the United  
13 States from which to sell goods and services  
14 around the world, thereby producing nearly 18  
15 percent of United States exports;

16 (D) promoting innovation with more than  
17 \$41,000,000,000 in annual United States re-  
18 search and development activities;

19 (E) paying nearly 14 percent of United  
20 States corporate income taxes; and

21 (F) purchasing goods and services from  
22 local suppliers and small businesses worth hun-  
23 dreds of billions of dollars annually.

24 (9) These companies account for 5.8 percent of  
25 United States private sector gross domestic product.

1           (10) The Department of Commerce has initia-  
2           tives in place to increase foreign direct investment.

3           (11) The President issued a statement in 2011  
4           reaffirming the longstanding open investment policy  
5           of the United States and encouraged all countries to  
6           pursue such a policy.

7           (12) The President signed an Executive order  
8           in 2011 to establish the SelectUSA initiative and ex-  
9           panded its resources and activities in 2012, so as to  
10          promote greater levels of business investment in the  
11          United States.

12          (13) The President's Council on Jobs and Com-  
13          petitiveness in 2011 recommended the establishment  
14          of a National Investment Initiative to attract  
15          \$1,000,000,000,000 in foreign direct investment  
16          over five years.

17          (14) Sound transportation infrastructure, a  
18          well-educated and healthy workforce, safe food and  
19          water, stable financial institutions, a fair and equi-  
20          table justice system, and transparent and account-  
21          able administrative procedures are important factors  
22          that contribute to United States global competitive-  
23          ness.

24 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

25          It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the ability of the United States to attract  
2 foreign direct investment is directly linked to the  
3 long-term economic prosperity, global competitive-  
4 ness, and security of the United States;

5           (2) it is a top national priority to enhance the  
6 global competitiveness, prosperity, and security of  
7 the United States by—

8                   (A) removing unnecessary barriers to for-  
9 eign direct investment and the jobs that it cre-  
10 ates throughout the United States; and

11                   (B) promoting policies to ensure the  
12 United States remains the premier global des-  
13 tination in which to invest, hire, innovate, and  
14 manufacture products;

15           (3) maintaining the United States commitment  
16 to open investment policy encourages other countries  
17 to reciprocate and enables the United States to open  
18 new markets abroad for United States companies  
19 and their products;

20           (4) while foreign direct investment can enhance  
21 the Nation's economic strength, policies regarding  
22 foreign direct investment should also reflect national  
23 security interests and should not disadvantage do-  
24 mestic investors or companies; and

1           (5) United States efforts to attract foreign di-  
2           rect investment should be consistent with efforts to  
3           maintain and improve the domestic standard of liv-  
4           ing.

5 **SEC. 4. FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT REVIEW.**

6           (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Commerce, in coordi-  
7           nation with the Federal Interagency Investment Working  
8           Group and the heads of other relevant Federal depart-  
9           ments and agencies, shall conduct an interagency review  
10          of the global competitiveness of the United States in at-  
11          tracting foreign direct investment.

12          (b) SPECIFIC MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The re-  
13          view conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include  
14          a review of—

15                (1) the current economic impact of foreign di-  
16                rect investment in the United States, including both  
17                costs and benefits, with particular focus on manufac-  
18                turing, research and development, trade, and jobs;

19                (2) trends in global cross-border investment  
20                flows and the underlying factors for such trends;

21                (3) Federal Government policies that are closely  
22                linked to the ability of the United States to attract  
23                and retain foreign direct investment;

24                (4) foreign direct investment as compared to di-  
25                rect investment by domestic entities;

1           (5) foreign direct investment that takes the  
2 form of greenfield investment as compared to foreign  
3 direct investment reflecting merger and acquisition  
4 activity;

5           (6) the unique challenges posed by foreign di-  
6 rect investment by state-owned enterprises;

7           (7) ongoing Federal Government efforts to im-  
8 prove the investment climate and facilitate greater  
9 levels of foreign direct investment in the United  
10 States;

11           (8) innovative and noteworthy State, regional,  
12 and local government initiatives to attract foreign in-  
13 vestment; and

14           (9) initiatives by other countries in order to  
15 identify best practices for attracting foreign direct  
16 investment.

17       (c) LIMITATION.—The review conducted pursuant to  
18 subsection (a) shall not address laws or policies relating  
19 to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United  
20 States.

21       (d) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.—Prior to—

22           (1) conducting the review under subsection (a),  
23 the Secretary shall publish notice of the review in  
24 the Federal Register and shall provide an oppor-

1 tunity for public comment on the matters to be cov-  
2 ered by the review; and

3 (2) reporting pursuant to subsection (e), the  
4 Secretary shall publish the proposed findings and  
5 recommendations to Congress in the Federal Reg-  
6 ister and shall provide an opportunity for public  
7 comment.

8 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
10 Commerce shall report to Congress the findings of the re-  
11 view and submit recommendations for increasing the glob-  
12 al competitiveness of the United States without weakening  
13 labor, consumer, financial, or environmental protections.

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