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To modify the special rules for Haiti under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to extend preferential duty treatment program for Haiti under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PLASKETT (for herself, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WATERS, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. BEYER, Ms. CHU, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. AMO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To modify the special rules for Haiti under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to extend preferential duty treatment program for Haiti under that Act, 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 “Hemispheric Oppor-
5 tunity through Partnership Enhancement for Haitian

1 Prosperity Act of 2025” or the “HOPE for Haitian Pros-
2 perity Act of 2025”.

3 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR HAITI**
4 **UNDER THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC**
5 **RECOVERY ACT.**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section
7 213A(d)(4) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery
8 Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(d)(4)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Any interested party” and in-
10 serting the following:

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any interested party”;

12 (2) by striking “paragraph (1),” and inserting
13 “paragraph (1).”;

14 (3) by striking “and the President shall provide
15 for this purpose” and inserting the following:

16 “(C) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—The
17 President shall provide for the purpose of sub-
18 paragraph (A) and the purpose of subpara-
19 graph (B)”;

20 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (A) (as so
21 designated) the following:

22 “(B) COMPLIANCE WITH CORE LABOR
23 STANDARDS AND WITH THE LABOR LAWS OF
24 HAITI.—Any interested party may file a request
25 to have the status of individual producers re-

1 viewed with respect to compliance with core
2 labor standards and with the labor laws of
3 Haiti that directly relate to and are consistent
4 with core labor standards and with the labor
5 laws of Haiti that relate to acceptable condi-
6 tions of work with respect to minimum wages
7 and hours of work.”.

8 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IMPROVEMENT AND
9 COMPLIANCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION
10 PROGRAM.—Section 213A(e)(4)(B) of the Caribbean
11 Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(e)(4)(B))
12 is amended—

13 (1) in clause (i)—

14 (A) by striking “a biennial basis” and in-
15 sserting “an annual basis”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end before the period
17 the following: “or with the labor laws of Haiti
18 that relate to acceptable conditions of work with
19 respect to minimum wages and hours of work”;

20 (2) in clause (ii)—

21 (A) in the first sentence, by adding at the
22 end before the period the following: “and with
23 the labor laws of Haiti that relate to acceptable
24 conditions of work with respect to minimum
25 wages and hours of work”; and

1 (B) by inserting after the first sentence
2 the following new sentence: “The President may
3 withdraw, suspend, or limit the application of
4 preferential treatment under subsection (b) to
5 articles of such producer during the period in
6 which assistance described in the preceding sen-
7 tence is being provided to the producer.”; and
8 (3) in clause (iii), by inserting after “and are
9 consistent with core labor standards” the following:
10 “and with the labor laws of Haiti that relate to ac-
11 ceptable conditions of work with respect to minimum
12 wages and hours of work”.

13 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PREFERENTIAL DUTY TREATMENT**
14 **PROGRAM FOR HAITI.**

15 Section 213A of the Caribbean Basin Economic Re-
16 covery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(F) a safe and healthy working environ-
24 ment.”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

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(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)(v)(I)—

(I) by striking “means” and all that follows through “60 percent” and inserting “means 60 percent”; and

(II) by striking “7 succeeding 1-year periods” and inserting “17 succeeding 1-year periods”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) in the table, by striking “16 succeeding 1-year periods” and inserting “28 succeeding 1-year periods”; and

(II) in the matter following the table, by striking “2025” and inserting “2037”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “16 succeeding 1-year periods” and inserting “26 succeeding 1-year periods”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “16 succeeding 1-year periods” and inserting “26 succeeding 1-year periods”;

1 (3) in subsection (d)(1)(A)(vi), by striking “,
2 hours of work, and occupational safety and health”
3 and inserting “and hours of work”;

4 (4) in subsection (e)(3)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “,
6 hours of work, and occupational health and
7 safety” and inserting “and hours of work”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking “,
9 hours of work, and occupational safety and
10 health” and inserting “and hours of work”; and

11 (5) in subsection (h), by striking “2025” and
12 inserting “2037”.

13 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE AND DIVER-**
14 **SIFY EXPORTS FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED**
15 **STATES.**

16 Section 213A of the Caribbean Basin Economic Re-
17 covery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a), as amended by this Act,
18 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE AND DI-
20 VERSIFY EXPORTS FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED
21 STATES.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Trade
23 Representative shall provide technical assistance to
24 the agencies, entities, and individuals specified in
25 clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (2)(B), to in-

1 crease and diversify exports from Haiti to the
2 United States with the objectives of—

3 “(A) increasing and diversifying export-ori-
4 ented value chains in Haiti through measures
5 that enhance the competitiveness of firms in
6 Haiti;

7 “(B) reinforcing the capacity of trade sup-
8 port institutions to enhance the business cli-
9 mate in Haiti; and

10 “(C) developing utilization strategies for
11 Haiti to further explore export opportunities
12 under United States trade preference programs.

13 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Trade Representa-
14 tive—

15 “(A) shall seek to coordinate with the
16 International Trade Center to develop and pro-
17 vide technical assistance;

18 “(B) shall establish a participatory process
19 to develop the technical assistance that in-
20 cludes—

21 “(i) appropriate agencies of the Gov-
22 ernment of Haiti;

23 “(ii) trade support institutions in
24 Haiti;

25 “(iii) employers in Haiti;

1 “(iv) workers in Haiti; and

2 “(v) labor unions in Haiti; and

3 “(C) shall consult with the Committee on
4 Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
5 tives and the Committee on Finance of the Sen-
6 ate regarding the development and provision of
7 technical assistance.

8 “(3) PRIORITY.—Technical assistance provided
9 pursuant to this subsection shall focus on—

10 “(A) developing agricultural processing ex-
11 ports to the United States;

12 “(B) improving competitiveness and labor
13 compliance in the apparel sector;

14 “(C) improving key services that support
15 the competitiveness of sectors with export po-
16 tential to the United States; and

17 “(D) providing the institutional capacity
18 for government, non-profit, and private sector
19 bodies to increase and diversify exports to the
20 United States.

21 “(4) REPORTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall
23 include in each report required to be submitted
24 to Congress under section 163(a) of the Trade
25 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2213(a)) the following:

1 “(i) A description of the actions taken
2 to provide technical assistance during the
3 preceding calendar year, including metrics
4 related to the outcomes achieved through
5 such assistance.

6 “(ii) A description of the actions
7 taken regarding the participatory process
8 under paragraph (3)(B) during the pre-
9 ceding calendar year, including an identi-
10 fication of the agencies, entities, and indi-
11 viduals specified in clauses (i) through (v)
12 of paragraph (2)(B) that participated.

13 “(B) COORDINATION.—The President shall
14 seek to coordinate with the International Trade
15 Center in carrying out this paragraph.

16 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

17 “(A) the term ‘International Trade Cen-
18 ter’—

19 “(i) means the joint agency of the
20 United Nations Conference on Trade and
21 Development and the World Trade Organi-
22 zation, originally established by the Con-
23 tracting Parties of the General Agreement
24 on Tariffs and Trade on March 19, 1964,
25 and from January 1, 1968, operated joint-

1 ly with the United Nations Conference on
2 Trade and Development; and

3 “(ii) includes any subdivision, instru-
4 mentality, or designee thereof; and

5 “(B) the term ‘trade support institutions’
6 means key actors that support the export-ori-
7 ented business climate, such as—

8 “(i) the Haitian Ministry of Com-
9 merce and Industry;

10 “(ii) the Haitian Chamber of Com-
11 merce and Industry; and

12 “(iii) trade promotion organizations.”.

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