



Reciprocal Market Access Act

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Coalition for a Prosperous America

CEO Michael C. Stumo: “Reciprocity is a bedrock international trade principle which has been ignored by U.S. Trade negotiators and Congress. The Reciprocal Market Access Act helps re-establish reciprocity by requiring trade negotiators to obtain the reduction or substantial elimination of foreign tariff and non-tariff barriers before agreeing to lower U.S. tariffs.”

National Council of Textile Organizations

President/CEO Augustine Tantillo: “NCTO supports fair and fully reciprocal trade policies and have dedicated ourselves to working with both the Congressional and Executive branches of our government to achieve such.”



Labor Unions



United Steelworkers

International President Leo W. Gerard: “The tools provided by the Reciprocal Market Access Act will increase the administration’s ability to reduce foreign trade barriers and defend American jobs from unfair trade practices. That is why United Steelworkers supports the legislation.”

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

International President Edwin Hill: “In order to create jobs in the United States, the conditions in the international marketplace must be leveled. The IBEW believes that domestic job creation and economic growth should be a priority. The Reciprocal Market Access Act is a step towards these goals. The IBEW commends you for introducing this piece of legislation and looks forward to working with you to secure a level playing field for American workers.”



United Automobile Workers

Legislative Director Josh Nassar: “The Reciprocal Market Access Act would ensure that our trade negotiators achieve real market access for American workers and businesses. It would link the authority to eliminate tariffs in trade agreements to achieving meaningful market access and give our government the automatic negotiated right to revoke tariff concessions if our trading partners don’t implement the commitments they made to open their markets (“snapback” authority). This timely bill is needed more than ever as our trade representatives are negotiating major trade agreements that will have a major impact on our economy and hardworking Americans for years to come.”



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International Brotherhood of Teamsters

General President James Hoffa: “The Reciprocal Market Access Act will help obtain meaningful market access in emerging markets and will help protect the jobs of U.S. workers.”



AFL-CIO

Director of Government Affairs William Samuel: “The AFL-CIO strongly believes that the U.S must do more to support domestic job creation and economic growth. Ensuring that U.S. exports achieve the access promised in our trade deals would go a long way toward achieving that goal. We encourage you to support the Reciprocal Market Access Act and similar efforts to ensure American products and services are not unfairly locked out of foreign markets.”

International Brotherhood of Boilermakers

Director of Legislative Affairs Anthony Jacobs: “Under current trade agreements, U.S. manufacturers do not have meaningful market access in many sectors due in large part to the continued use of non-tariff barriers. So, while tariffs may have been reduced or eliminated, foreign countries still use these other internal means to prevent expanded market access for U.S. exports, thereby keeping our industries and our workers at a competitive disadvantage. The bill would address this severe imbalance by giving the United States government the automatic negotiated right to revoke concessions to cut tariffs if our trading partners don’t implement the commitments they made to open up their markets – a key tool our trade negotiators have been lacking.”



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