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H. R. 1543

To require the procurement of iron and steel products from American sources,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. GUEST, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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American sources, 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 “American Workers for
5 Security Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO BUY STEEL FROM AMERICAN**
7 **SOURCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds appropriated or other-
9 wise available may be used by a head of an entity of the

1 Federal Government for the procurement of a steel or iron
2 product for the purpose of building a physical barrier
3 along the land border with Mexico if the steel or iron prod-
4 uct is not produced in the United States unless the head
5 of the entity concerned determines that—

6 (1) the procurement of such a steel or iron
7 product produced in the United States—

8 (A) is inconsistent with a public interest or
9 defense interest; or

10 (B) would increase the cost of building a
11 physical barrier along the land border with
12 Mexico by more than 25 percent; or

13 (2) no such steel or iron product produced in
14 the United States is available.

15 (b) PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.—For the
16 purposes of subsection (a), a steel or iron product shall
17 be considered produced in the United States if the manu-
18 facturing of that product, from the initial melting stage
19 through the application of coatings, occurred wholly in the
20 United States.

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