

# UNITED STATES INVESTMENT AND COMPETITION ACT (USICA – S. 1260)

AND THE

## AMERICA COMPETES ACT (H.R. 4521)

### LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

Currently, more than 171 industries, as well as the agriculture and mining sectors, rely on our trade laws to stop illegally dumped and subsidized goods from entering our country. When these laws are upheld, American workers and manufacturers are able to compete globally.

However, bad actors and unscrupulous importers – like China – have targeted U.S. trade enforcement laws, constantly looking for pathways to illegally subsidize and dump their goods into our markets. This caused and continues to cause job losses for USW members who work in these sectors.

For example, as the largest union in tire manufacturing, the USW takes the threat of increased dumped and subsidized tire imports seriously. Our union won trade cases challenging China illegally importing passenger vehicle, light truck tires (PVLTV) and bus, truck and off the road (OTR) tires. These victories led to \$3 billion in domestic investment in new plants and plant upgrades. Unfortunately, state-owned enterprises and multi-national corporations are “country hopping” to get around our enforcement mechanisms, illegally capture market share, and put hard working Americans out of a job.

**Here is what the bipartisan provisions included in the America COMPETES Act (also called the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0) do:**

- **Creates Accountability** – The bill makes it easier for U.S. workers and companies to stop repeat offenders and speeds the enforcement process so manufacturers, agriculture workers and miners can focus on producing American-made goods.
- **Targets Grants for Chinese Companies** – Right now, China is spending billions to build factories that will dump products into the U.S. and other markets through a funding strategy called Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI). This global infrastructure development strategy, adopted by the Chinese government in 2013, includes plans to invest in nearly 70 countries and international organizations. The bipartisan America COMPETES Act will give the U.S. government authority to call out those subsidies in trade cases.
- **Improves Enforcement** – Importers constantly pull tricks to try and lower or evade duties. The Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 will clarify processes and timelines making the U.S. government more efficient in stopping dumped and illegally subsidized goods.

Technology changes all the time – our trade laws must adjust just as quickly. Including the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 provisions in a final bill that merges USICA and the America COMPETES Act is essential for workers and employers to maintain and improve U.S. competition.

**Ask your Senator to include the bipartisan  
“Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0” in the merged Competition Bill!**

