

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

AND THE

AMERICA COMPETES ACT (H.R. 4521)

CONFERENCE MUST INCLUDE TAA

Two programs meant to assist workers who have lost their jobs due to negative trade, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) are set to permanently expire this year. TAA and HCTC are the most robust job training programs in the country. Without renewal, Americans who lose work to foreign competition, imports, and bad trade agreements cannot access these needed training benefits.

There are currently two bills that are designed to help the United States better compete against China and Russia, but only one, the America COMPETES Act, contains a robust reauthorization of both TAA and HCTC. As Congress looks to combine these bills, we must ensure TAA and HCTC make it into the final bill alongside pro-worker manufacturing investments and updated trade enforcement rules.

The USW urges Congress to renew the TAA program and the HCTC program with the following reforms contained in the America COMPETES Act:

- **Long-term renewal for all countries and all workers impacted by trade** – U.S. workers should get job training if corporations ship their jobs to China, Vietnam, France, or any country, no matter their occupation.
- **Establish a child care allowance in TAA** – Working parents who want to pursue further education and training in order to get higher paying jobs need help with child care. A recent study highlights that child care allows parents to participate in these opportunities.
- **Streamline the Department of Labor’s process for certifying worker applications** – Layoffs are difficult for families – getting job training should not be. Apprenticeships would also qualify for training.
- **Improve benefits and funding for the HCTC** – Improved benefits and a renewal of HCTC will ensure workers do not have to worry about how to make ends meet while they prepare for a new career.
- **Help workers facing layoffs** – The last thing workers need is red tape or partisan bickering. A strong renewal of TAA and HCTC will make the U.S. workers more competitive. This starts with renewing TAA and the HCTC with the provisions contained in the America COMPETES Act.

Our members – and all U.S. workers and their employers – will benefit if we get the final bill right.

**Ask your Senator to support the
America COMPETES Act TAA Provisions!**

