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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CORKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 “Automotive Jobs Act  
5       of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF WELL-BEING OF UNITED STATES AUTO-**  
2 **MOTIVE INDUSTRY; STAY OF CERTAIN INVES-**  
3 **TIGATION.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The United States Inter-  
5 national Trade Commission (in this section referred to as  
6 the “Commission”) shall conduct a study of the economic  
7 well-being, health, and vitality of the United States auto-  
8 motive industry, which shall include an assessment of the  
9 following:

10 (1) The number of automotive jobs in the  
11 United States, regardless of whether the parent enti-  
12 ty of the United States automotive producer is  
13 headquartered in the United States or another coun-  
14 try.

15 (2) Any growth or decline in number of auto-  
16 mobile manufacturing facilities and automotive parts  
17 suppliers in the United States since 1980.

18 (3) The effect an automotive plant has on the  
19 unemployment rate, per capita income, and edu-  
20 cation level in the community in which the plant is  
21 located.

22 (4) The effect an automotive plant has on the  
23 region in which the plant is located in helping the  
24 region attract and expand nonautomotive jobs and  
25 the effect on that region of the wages from those  
26 jobs.

1           (5) The number of automobiles assembled in  
2 the United States that are exported each year and  
3 to which countries.

4           (6) The percentage of component parts of auto-  
5 mobiles assembled in the United States that are im-  
6 ported.

7           (7) The number of component parts for auto-  
8 mobiles that are not produced in the United States  
9 and would thus not be available to United States  
10 automotive producers if prohibitively high duties  
11 were imposed on imports of those parts.

12           (8) The effect an increase in automotive manu-  
13 facturing costs would have on jobs in the United  
14 States.

15       (b) REPORT.—Not earlier than 180 days after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than one  
17 year after such date of enactment, the Commission shall  
18 submit to the President and Congress a report on—

19           (1) the findings of the study required by sub-  
20 section (a); and

21           (2) any recommendations relating to the auto-  
22 motive industry that the Commission considers ap-  
23 propriate based on the study.

24       (c) STAY OF INVESTIGATION INTO NATIONAL SECUR-  
25 ITY EFFECTS OF AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce  
2 shall stay the investigation of the Department of  
3 Commerce under section 232 of the Trade Expans-  
4 sion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862) into the effects  
5 on national security of imports of automobiles and  
6 automotive parts initiated on May 23, 2018, until—

7           (A) the Commission submits to the Presi-  
8 dent and Congress the report required by sub-  
9 section (b); and

10           (B) the President, after reviewing the re-  
11 port and considering the findings and rec-  
12 ommendations of the Commission included in  
13 the report, determines to reopen or terminate  
14 the investigation.

15           (2) TOLLING OF CERTAIN DEADLINE.—The  
16 deadline for completion of investigations under sec-  
17 tion 232(b)(3)(A) of the Trade Expansion Act of  
18 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862(b)(3)(A)) shall be tolled for  
19 the investigation described in paragraph (1) during  
20 the period during which the investigation is stayed  
21 under this subsection.

22           (d) UNITED STATES AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCER DE-  
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “United States auto-  
24 motive producer” means an entity that manufactures or

- 1 assembles automobiles or component parts for automobiles
- 2 in the United States.