**Committee to Support US Trade Laws (CSUSTL) Welcomes House Select Committee’s Bipartisan China Report and Calls for Legislative Action by Congress**

**THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT U.S. TRADE LAWS**

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The House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States (US) and the Chinese Communist Party (Select Committee) released its report for resetting America’s economic relationship with China. The Committee to Support US Trade Laws (CSUSTL) welcomed the findings and recommendations for “common sense” actions to address the longstanding economic and technological disputes between the US and the People’s Republic of China (PRC). CSUSTL called for prompt action by Congress to enact bipartisan legislation. CSUSTL believes that for too long the US has allowed the PRC to break its promises and continue engaging in harmful unfair trade practices, resulting in millions of lost jobs across America and devastated local communities.

Among the 150 recommendations in the report, CSUSTL identified the proposals to strengthen the enforcement of U.S. trade remedy laws as critical components of the package for future congressional action. In particular, the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0 (LTPF2.0) was introduced by US Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Todd Young (R-IN) in the Senate and US Representatives Bill Johnson (R-OH-6) and Terri Sewell (D-AL-07) in the House. LTPF2.0 would strengthen US trade remedy laws to protect US workers and combat China’s unfair, non-market trade practices that distort global trade.  For example, LTPF 2.0 would:

* Address Chinese cross-border subsidies that are provided through policies such as China’s Belt and Road Initiative and that unfairly benefit foreign producers.
* Allow for quicker relief to injured U.S. companies and their workers in situations where, for example, Chinese companies rapidly shift production locations to another country to resume their unfair trade practices.
* Ensure that particular situations that distort foreign pricing or costs can be addressed in antidumping duty calculations.
* Provide a remedy for foreign currency manipulation.
* Ensure that importers maintain sufficient assets to pay duties owed to the US Treasury.

“The past two decades of robust engagement by the US with the PRC has failed to cause the PRC to address its illegal trade practices, and open its economy and financial markets”, said Tom Beline, of Cassidy Levy Kent LLP, and Chairman of CSUSTL’s Executive Committee. “Passage of LTPF2.0, and the bipartisan package of changes proposed by the Select Committee, is a well thought out strategy through which Congress may address the serious threat posed by the PRC’s unfair trade to American manufacturers, farmers, workers, and communities throughout the country.”

CSUSTL is a national organization of companies, trade associations, labor unions, law firms and individuals located in all 50 states of the nation and is committed to preserving and enhancing U.S. trade laws and supporting trade policies that benefit the United States-based productive economy.  CSUSTL consists of 434 companies, unions and organizations representing 171 industries, including manufacturing, technology, agriculture, mining, energy, and services.  We are dedicated to ensuring that the laws against unfair trade are not weakened through legislation or policy decisions in Washington, DC, in international negotiations, or through dispute settlement at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and elsewhere.

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