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Add at the end the following:

TITLE XIV—BUY AMERICAN

SEC. ___. BUY AMERICAN REQUIREMENT.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered official may not obligate any funds authorized to be appropriated or appropriated under titles III, XI, or XII through contracts or grants for any construction, alteration of real property, or other project relating to real property, unless all materials used in such projects are produced in the United States.

(b) EXCEPTION.—

(1) DETERMINATION.—A covered official may make an exception to the requirement under subsection (a) for any materials that the covered official determines are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality.

(2) AUTHORIZED PROCUREMENTS.—If a covered official makes an exception under paragraph (1) with respect to materials, the covered official
may only procure such materials from a country designated under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.).

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered official” means the head of a department or agency of the Federal Government responsible for construction activities carried out using funds authorized to be appropriated or appropriated under titles III, XI, or XII.

(2) The term “materials” means steel, iron, non-ferrous metals, manufactured products (including plastic and polymer-based products), and other construction materials (including glass, lumber, and drywall).

(3) The term “produced in the United States” means—

(A) in the case of steel, iron, or non-ferrous metals products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States; and

(B) in the case of manufactured products and other construction materials, that the product or material was manufactured in the United States and the cost of its components that are
mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all its components.