AMENDMENT TO
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Page 787, after line 23, insert the following:

1 (3) IRON AND STEEL.—
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3 (A) IN GENERAL.—In establishing any fed-
4 erally owned strategic equipment reserve, no
5 Federal funds shall be used for the purchase of
6 large power transformers, generator step-up
7 transformers, power conversion equipment, or
8 other critical electric grid equipment unless all
9 of the iron and steel products used in such
10 equipment are produced in the United States.
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12 (B) WAIVER.—
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14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
15 waive application of subparagraph (A) in
16 any case or category of cases in which the
17 Secretary finds that—
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19 (I) applying subparagraph (A)
20 would be inconsistent with the public
21 interest;
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23 (II) iron and steel products are
24 not produced in the United States in
sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

(III) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the applicable large power transformers, generator step-up transformers, power conversion equipment, or other critical electric grid equipment by more than 25 percent.

(ii) Process.—Before issuing a waiver under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall—

(I) make publicly available in an easily accessible location on a website designated by the Office of Management and Budget and on the website of the Department of Energy a detailed written explanation for the proposed determination to issue the waiver; and

(II) provide a period of not less than 15 days for public comment on the proposed waiver.
(C) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This paragraph shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

(i) the term “iron and steel products” includes electrical steel used in the manufacture of—

(I) transformers; and

(II) laminations, cores, and other transformer components; and

(ii) in the case of iron and steel products, the term “produced in the United States” means that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.