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Add at the end of title VI of division K the following new section:

SEC. 106005. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE POLICY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the trade policy of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region should benefit the workers and consumers of the United States, enhance the ability of businesses of the United States to compete in the marketplace for goods and services, empower allies and partners of the United States in the region, counter the often-malign influence and impact of China, protect the environment, and advance the broader economic and national security goals of the United States;

(2) the Asia-Pacific region is arguably the most economically dynamic region in the world and is strategically vital to the United States;

(3) the Asia-Pacific region is home to China, one of the geopolitical rivals of the United States,
whose interests and values diverge sharply from those of the United States;

(4) the United States and China are competing across virtually every functional and geographic domain;

(5) China’s trade and investment practices have violated international rules and fundamental principles of fairness, causing harm to the workers and businesses of the United States;

(6) the Asia-Pacific region is also home to some of the closest allies and partners of the United States, including a number of the fastest-growing markets in the world;

(7) any successful effort to strengthen the domestic economy, and to ensure that companies of the United States can compete on a level playing field against their Chinese counterparts, will require the United States to exercise leadership and fortify relationships in the Asia-Pacific region; and

(8) key elements of this effort should be to assess the geostrategic and economic consequences of the decision by the United States in 2017 to withdraw from the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) without any meaningful debate in Congress, and to assess the potential geostrategic and eco-
nomic benefits of reviving membership by the United States in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, which the 11 TPP countries signed following the withdrawal of the United States from TPP.