AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4795, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PRICE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Redesignate section 5 as section 6 and insert after section 4 the following new section:

1 SEC. 5. GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT TEXTILE RESEARCH
2 AND INNOVATION THROUGH UNIVERSITY
3 AND INDUSTRY-BASED RESEARCH.
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5 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Com-
6 merce shall establish a competitive grant program (in this
7 section referred to as the “grant program”) to fund textile
8 research and innovation and to promote increased textile
9 exports.
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11 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—
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13 (1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The eligible recipi-
14 ents of grants under the grant program shall be lim-
15 ited to institutions of higher education and not-for-
16 profit research institutions, including not-for-profit
17 industry associations whose core mission is to sup-
18 port textile research and innovation.
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20 (2) PREFERENCE.—Preference in awarding
21 such grants shall be given to collaborative research
22 organizations that emphasize peer-reviewed research
23 by leading academic and industry experts.
(3) **APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**—Applications for such a grant shall be submitted at such time and in such manner as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

(4) **REVIEW PROCEDURE.**—All such applications shall be subject to a rigorous and competitive peer review procedure.

(c) **ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS.**—The funds authorized to be appropriated for the grant program shall be used for research and development activities that achieve at least one of the following goals:

(1) To build and sustain innovation, competitiveness, and best practices in the United States textile industry.

(2) To contribute to transforming the United States textile and apparel industry into a highly flexible supply chain, capable of responding to rapidly changing market demands including shifts to technologically advanced textile production.

(3) To discover, design, and develop new materials, and innovative and improved manufacturing and integrated systems, essential to the success of a modern United States textile industry.
(4) To train personnel, establish industrial partnerships, and create transfer mechanisms to ensure the utilization of technologies developed.

(5) To strengthen the Nation’s textile research and educational efforts by uniting diverse experts and resources in unique collaborative projects.

(6) To facilitate the creation of domestic jobs in the textile industry.

(d) RESTRICTION ON FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), no more than 75 percent of total funding made available under the grant program in a fiscal year may be disbursed to institutions of higher education.

(2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary of Commerce determines that the limitation of paragraph (1) would result in the failure to disburse all appropriated funds for a fiscal year, the Secretary may waive such limitation for such fiscal year.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2020 to carry out this section. Amounts appropriated under this paragraph shall be available until expended.
(2) **OFFSETTING REDUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated for operations and administration of the International Trade Administration in the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2020 is reduced by $5,000,000.