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.**

4   (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Com-
5 merce shall establish a competitive grant program (in this
6 section referred to as the "grant program") to fund textile
7 research and innovation and to promote increased textile
8 exports.

9   (b) ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—

10   (1) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The eligible recipi-
11 ents of grants under the grant program shall be lim-
12 ited to institutions of higher education and not-for-
13 profit research institutions, including not-for-profit
14 industry associations whose core mission is to sup-
15 port textile research and innovation.

16   (2) PREFERENCE.—Preference in awarding
17 such grants shall be given to collaborative research
18 organizations that emphasize peer-reviewed research
19 by leading academic and industry experts.

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1   (3) APPLICATION PROCEDURE.—Applications

2   for such a grant shall be submitted at such time and

3   in such manner as determined by the Secretary of

4   Commerce.

5   (4) REVIEW PROCEDURE.—All such applica-

6   tions shall be subject to a rigorous and competitive

7   peer review procedure.

8   (c) ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS.—The funds author-

9 ized to be appropriated for the grant program shall be

10 used for research and development activities that achieve

11 at least one of the following goals:

12   (1) To build and sustain innovation, competi-

13   tiveness, and best practices in the United States tex-

14   tile industry.

15   (2) To contribute to transforming the United

16   States textile and apparel industry into a highly

17   flexible supply chain, capable of responding to rap-

18   idly changing market demands including shifts to

19   technologically advanced textile production.

20   (3) To discover, design, and develop new mate-

21   rials, and innovative and improved manufacturing

22   and integrated systems, essential to the success of a

23   modern United States textile industry.

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1   (4) To train personnel, establish industrial

2 partnerships, and create transfer mechanisms to en-

3 sure the utilization of technologies developed.

4   (5) To strengthen the Nation's textile research

5 and educational efforts by uniting diverse experts

6 and resources in unique collaborative projects.

7   (6) To facilitate the creation of domestic jobs in

8 the textile industry.

9 (d) RESTRICTION ON FUNDS.—

10   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), no

11 more than 75 percent of total funding made avail-

12 able under the grant program in a fiscal year may

13 be disbursed to institutions of higher education.

14   (2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary of

15 Commerce determines that the limitation of para-

16 graph (1) would result in the failure to disburse all

17 appropriated funds for a fiscal year, the Secretary

18 may waive such limitation for such fiscal year.

19 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20   (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be

21 appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce

22 $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year

23 2020 to carry out this section. Amounts appro-

24 priated under this paragraph shall be available until

25 expended.

1   (2) OFFSETTING REDUCTION OF AUTHORIZA-
2   TION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The amount authorized
3   to be appropriated for operations and administration
4   of the International Trade Administration in the De-
5   partment of Commerce for fiscal year 2016 through
6   fiscal year 2020 is reduced by $5,000,000.

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