

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6866

To ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. HOUCHIN, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Smart Invest-
5 ments in our Ports Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) PORT AND INTERMODAL IMPROVEMENT PRO-
3 GRAM.—Section 54301(a)(6)(B) of title 46, United States
4 Code, is amended—

5 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” after the
6 semicolon;

7 (2) in clause (iii), by striking the period and in-
8 serting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(iv) ensuring equitable geographic
11 distribution among regions of the United
12 States with regard to the projects se-
13 lected.”.

14 (b) ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL INLAND RIVER AND
15 COASTAL PORTS AND TERMINALS.—Section 54301(b)(4)
16 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”;

18 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
19 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(D) ensure equitable geographic distribu-
22 tion among regions of the United States with
23 regard to the projects selected.”.