

## HR 5635

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (60 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2006
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2006
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2006
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2006
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jun 27, 2006
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jun 27, 2006
Rep. Mollohan, Alan B. [D-WV-1]	D · WV		Jul 19, 2006
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jul 26, 2006
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2006
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 26, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Jul 26, 2006
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Jul 28, 2006
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2006
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-3]	D · GA		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 13, 2006
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Sep 19, 2006
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 25, 2006
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Sep 25, 2006
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Sep 25, 2006
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 26, 2006
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Sep 28, 2006
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 29, 2006

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Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	D · WI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Sep 29, 2006
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2006
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Nov 13, 2006
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2006
Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]	D · CO		Nov 13, 2006
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2006
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2006
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2006
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2006
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3485	Identical bill	<b>Jun 8, 2006:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act - Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to revise the prohibition on importing convict-made goods into the United States to make it unlawful to: (1) import into, or export from, the United States any sweatshop good; or (2) introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell, or transport or distribute in U.S.commerce, any sweatshop good.

Grants the President, for reasons of national interest, authority to recommend waiver of the applications set forth in this Act in connection with the goods of any country with respect to one or more of the principles and rights defined in this Act as a core labor standard.

Sets forth procedures for consideration of such a waiver.

Makes it unlawful for persons to introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell or transport or distribute in commerce any sweatshop good.

Requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce this prohibition as if it were an unfair or deceptive act or practice proscribed under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Allows specified persons with standing to bring a civil action in U.S. district courts against sellers of goods, wares, articles, or merchandise on grounds of a violation of such prohibition.

Amends the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and federal law regarding the Armed Forces to prohibit executive agencies from entering into procurement contracts for sweatshop goods.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 27, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4668)
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman .
- **Jun 22, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4497-4498)
- **Jun 16, 2006:** Introduced in House
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