

HR 2667

Fighting Trade Cheats Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

Introduced: Apr 18, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (Dec 17, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/2667>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]

Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (27 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Apr 18, 2023
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Apr 26, 2023
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jun 30, 2023
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jun 30, 2023
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jun 30, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jul 13, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Aug 15, 2023
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Sep 12, 2023
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Sep 13, 2023
Rep. Carl, Jerry L. [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Sep 20, 2023
Rep. Strong, Dale W. [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Sep 20, 2023
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Sep 21, 2023
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Sep 26, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 3, 2023
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Oct 25, 2023
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Nov 1, 2023
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Dec 4, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Dec 5, 2023
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Dec 11, 2023
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]	R · IA		May 6, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Oct 8, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 805	Identical bill	Mar 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fighting Trade Cheats Act of 2023

This bill increases penalties for, and establishes additional enforcement mechanisms related to, fraudulent and grossly negligent violations of U.S. customs laws.

Specifically, the bill increases the maximum civil penalty for a fraudulent violation to three times the domestic value of the merchandise. Further, the bill prohibits a person who commits a fraudulent violation from importing merchandise into the United States for a five-year period.

Additionally, the bill increases the maximum civil penalty for a grossly negligent violation to the lesser of (1) 3 times the domestic value of the merchandise; or (2) 10 times the lawful duties, taxes, and fees. It also prohibits a person who commits a grossly negligent violation from importing merchandise into the United States for a two-year period.

Further, the bill applies these importation bans to an affiliated person (e.g., a family member, partner, or employee) of the person who committed the fraudulent or grossly negligent violation.

The bill also establishes a private right of action for customs fraud or grossly negligent violations. In particular, the bill allows manufacturers, producers, wholesalers, labor unions, or trade associations to bring a civil action against a violator or any person that aids or abets a violator.

The bill prohibits any person (or an affiliated person) who commits a fraudulent or grossly negligent violation from participating in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Importer of Record program, and further requires their importer of record numbers to be revoked.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 18, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.