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It's Time to Do the Right Thing

[Tell your Representative that Trade Adjustment Assistance \(TAA\) needs to be renewed now.](#)

Workers whose jobs were destroyed by offshoring have been left in the cold for two years. They've been denied the job retraining and other benefits available for trade-displaced workers for decades — all because Congress has failed to act.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) provides up to two years of robust job training benefits for workers who lose their jobs to dumped and subsidized goods, changes in tariffs, and bad trade agreements. These impacts happen constantly as companies outsource and imported goods undermine domestic jobs.

As of April 1, 2024, over 100,000 workers, including many USW Members, are waiting for Congress to renew the TAA program. They have submitted petitions to the Department of Labor (DOL). Still, because Congress has not reauthorized TAA, the DOL cannot make determinations on these worker layoffs.

Congress has an opportunity to help these workers. Here's what's happening:

The House Ways and Means Committee is responsible for trade and tax issues. **On Wednesday, April 17, 2024**, this Committee will hold a 'mark up' to consider a bill to renew the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). This bill would cut tariffs for many goods, including gold chains and luxury goods like high-end purses.

These tariff cuts would be awarded to importers who source from countries with terrible labor and environmental rights. The bill would also cut tariffs on imports that impact our members' jobs – like the tires thousands of USW members across the country make.

The Committee can add or subtract provisions by marking up a bill. [USW has asked this Committee to also renew TAA in any trade bill that cuts tariffs and not to cut duties on the goods our members make.](#) Some in Congress want to renew GSP without renewing TAA and give back to importers the \$2.6 billion in tariffs collected over the last couple of years since the program expired.

The Time to Speak Up is Now!

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**Tell them who you are, where you are from,
and to oppose H.R. 7986 if it is not paired with TAA reauthorization.**

Giving over a billion dollars to importers, while telling the American worker who lost their job to bad trade policy that Congress cannot help them is unacceptable. As Congress deliberates on trade-related legislation, it's imperative that they prioritize the needs of workers and ensure that TAA is renewed without delay.