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- **Section 1: Short Title**
- **Section 2: Sense of Congress**

A sense of Congress that-

- (1) The Secretary of Commerce insist that the Chinese Government, which has ownership interests in the companies that manufactured and exported problematic drywall to the US, facilitate a meeting between the companies and the representatives of the US government on remedying homeowners that have problematic drywall; and
- (2) The Secretary of Commerce insist that the Chinese Government direct the companies that manufactured and exported problematic drywall to submit to jurisdiction in the US Federal Courts and comply with decisions issued by the Courts on problematic drywall.

- **Section 3: Drywall Labeling Requirement**

- (a) Not more than one year after passage of the bill, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) will create a rule requiring that each sheet of drywall manufactured or imported for use in the US be permanently labeled with the name of the manufacturer and the month and year the drywall was manufactured.
- (b) An exception is provided in the event that CPSC determines that a voluntary industry standard is adequate to permit the identification of the manufacturer of such drywall and month and year the drywall was manufactured; and the voluntary standard will be in effect no more than 2 years after the bill has been enacted. This voluntary standard can be revised.

- **Section 4: Sulfur Content in Drywall Standard**

- (a) Within one year after the bill has been enacted, the CPSC shall create a rule that limits sulfur content in drywall manufactured or imported for use in the US to prevent elevated rates of corrosion in the home.
- (b) An exception is provided in the event that CPSC determines that a voluntary industry standard that limits sulfur content in drywall manufactured or imported for use in the US to prevent elevated rates of corrosion in the home. CPSC also must find that the voluntary standard will in effect no more than 2 years after the bill is enacted.

- **Section 5: Revision of Remediation Guidance for Drywall Disposal Requirement**

Not more than 120 days after the bill is enacted, the CPSC shall revise its “Remediation Guidance for Homes with Corrosion from Problem Drywall” to specify that problem drywall removed from homes should not be used in the production of new drywall.