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# H. R. 6504

To prohibit actions to carry out the Department of Commerce’s pause in the issuance of new export licenses for certain exports under the Commerce Control List.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. DUNN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 “Protect American Gun  
5 Exporters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S PAUSE IN THE**  
3 **ISSUANCE OF NEW EXPORT LICENSES FOR**  
4 **CERTAIN EXPORTS UNDER THE COMMERCE**  
5 **CONTROL LIST.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce—

8 (1) may not take any action to carry out the  
9 Department of Commerce's assessment or any policy  
10 changes resulting from the assessment announced on  
11 October 27, 2023, relating to the Department's  
12 pause in the issuance of new export licenses for ex-  
13 ports of all items controlled under Export Control  
14 Classification Numbers 0A501, 0A502, 0A504, and  
15 0A505 of the Commerce Control List; and

16 (2) may not take any substantially similar ac-  
17 tion to pause or otherwise suspend or prohibit the  
18 issuance of new export licenses for exports of any or  
19 all items described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Commerce may  
21 take an action described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
22 section (a) only if—

23 (1) the action is subject to and meets the re-  
24 quirements of—

25 (A) section 553 of title 5, United States  
26 Code; and

1 (B) chapter 8 of title 5, commonly known  
2 as the “Congressional Review Act”); and  
3 (2) before taking the action, the Secretary con-  
4 ducts a regulatory impact analysis of the action.

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