

I voted Yes on H.R. 4105, to apply countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries.

This bill confirms that the Department of Commerce can continue to apply countervailing duties to non-market economies. The intent of H.R. 4105 is to support American employers and workers who face unfairly subsidized imports from countries like China.

In December 2011, a federal court of appeals found that U.S. law technically prohibits Commerce from applying countervailing duties to nonmarket economies, although there are 23 existing orders against products from China and one from Vietnam. This legislation overrules that court decision while remaining in full compliance with our World Trade Organization obligations.

Countervailing duties help American companies and tens of thousands of workers - including those in Upstate New York - deal with unfair foreign government subsidies.

I support free trade and the jobs it creates here in America through our own exports. However, we must be vigilant in making sure that trading partners like China play by the rules and don't unfairly subsidize their products that we buy. This bill helps our companies and workers do what they do best – compete – on fair terms with nonmarket economies.

The Senate recently passed the bill unanimously. The House approved the bill by a vote of 370 – 39.