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**Ways & Means**

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## ***H.R. 4930, To expand the sharing of information with respect to suspected violations of intellectual property rights in trade***

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### **Background:**

- In FY 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized nearly **79 million** counterfeit products, valued at **\$7.3 billion** (had the items been genuine).
  - Counterfeit products **undermine American innovation, steal American jobs, and present an unacceptable safety risk.**
- CBP lacks the certainty it needs to share appropriate information with trusted stakeholders about imports that violate American intellectual property (IP) laws.
- CBP for several years has requested greater clarity about what information it can share and with whom it can share information when imported goods appear to violate American IP laws.
- CBP currently has limited ability to use the knowledge and expertise of American stakeholders throughout the distribution chain to assist the agency in identifying products that violate American IP laws and remove them from our supply chains.

### **H.R. 4930:**

- Allows CBP to partner more effectively with American businesses to **improve enforcement of IP laws.**
- Strengthens U.S. IP enforcement by **granting explicit authority to CBP to share key information** with relevant stakeholders when a shipment in question contains suspected counterfeit or pirated products.
- **Expands the range of information that CBP is allowed to share**, including images of the product and packaging of a suspected counterfeit product. This change will allow greater information sharing on the origin of counterfeit products.
- Additionally, **expands the range of individuals to whom CBP may disclose relevant information.**
  - Allows information to be shared, when appropriate, with a range of parties who may be affected by the importation of illicit goods, and who may help CBP in determining whether the shipment is legitimate—including rights holders, e-commerce retailers, and shipping companies.