

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Three Pocan amendments included in House passage of Competes Act

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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) voted in favor of the COMPETES Act, which included three of his amendments and several key priorities. Following the House passage of this legislation which invests in American manufacturing, research, and innovation, Rep. Pocan released the following statement:

“By investing in our supply chains, increasing our manufacturing capacity for critical goods like semiconductors on American soil, and strengthening our scientific and technological leadership, we’re putting America in the best position to increase our global competitiveness.

“The COMPETES Act, which was amended to include three of my provisions, makes strides to boost our economy and support workers here in the United States. I was proud to vote in favor of this bill, and look forward to working with the Senate to get this legislation on the president’s desk as quickly as possible.”

Descriptions of Rep. Pocan's three amendments to the COMPETES Act are below:

- **Global Vaccine Investment**

- Authorizing the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to invest in more than just COVID vaccine production so that investments can also be made in the cold chain technologies required for developing countries to store, distribute, and deliver vaccines that rely on refrigeration.

- **Increased Oversight of Foreign Ownership of U.S. Agricultural Land**

- Requiring annual disclosures to be filed by foreign owners of American agricultural land, public USDA reporting on foreign ownership, and updated civil penalties for any person or entity found in violation of this requirement.

- **Millions of New Research Dollars for UW-Madison**

- \$30 million annually through 2026 for the [Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center](#) at UW-Madison, a \$5 million annual increase over existing levels.

Click the following links for a [section-by-section analysis](#) and [factsheets](#) for the COMPETES Act.

The bill now goes to conference with the Senate.