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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Assessing Xi’s Inter-
5 ference and Subversion Act” or “AXIS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) On February 4, 2022, weeks ahead of the
2 Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine, Russia
3 and the People’s Republic of China released a joint
4 statement following a meeting between Vladimir
5 Putin and Xi Jinping, which outlined a strategic
6 partnership with “no limits” and no “forbidden”
7 areas for cooperation.

8 (2) On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded
9 Ukraine in an unprovoked and unjustified act of
10 war.

11 (3) China abstained from voting on the Feb-
12 ruary 25, 2022, United Nations Security Council
13 resolution and the March 2, 2022, United Nations
14 General Assembly resolution condemning Russia’s
15 invasion of Ukraine.

16 (4) As of April 1, 2022, China has not publicly
17 condemned Russia’s unprovoked and illegal invasion
18 of Ukraine.

19 (5) In his call with Xi Jinping on March 18,
20 2022, President Joe Biden communicated that there
21 would be “implications and consequences if China
22 provides material support to Russia as it conducts
23 brutal attacks against Ukrainian cities and civil-
24 ians”.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that—

3 (1) the People’s Republic of China’s
4 disinformation efforts relating to the Russian Fed-
5 eration’s war against Ukraine make it culpable in
6 whitewashing Russia’s war crimes, which include the
7 indiscriminate killing of countless Ukrainian men,
8 women, and children; and

9 (2) if China is found to be materially sup-
10 porting Russia in its war against Ukraine, there
11 should be swift and stringent consequences for
12 China.

13 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days there-
16 after, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
17 retary of Commerce as appropriate, shall submit to the
18 appropriate congressional committees a report on whether
19 and how the People’s Republic of China, including the
20 Government of the People’s Republic of China, the Chi-
21 nese Communist Party, any Chinese state-owned enter-
22 prise, and any other Chinese entity, has provided support
23 to the Russian Federation with respect to its unprovoked
24 invasion of and full-scale war against Ukraine.

1 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
2 quired by subsection (a) shall include a discussion of the
3 People’s Republic of China support to the Russian Federa-
4 tion with respect to—

5 (1) helping the Government of Russia or Rus-
6 sian entities evade or circumvent United States
7 sanctions or multilateral sanctions and export con-
8 trols;

9 (2) deliberately inhibiting onsite United States
10 Government export control end-use checks, including
11 interviews and investigations, in China;

12 (3) providing Russia with any technology, in-
13 cluding semiconductors classified as EAR99, that
14 supports Russian intelligence or military capabilities;

15 (4) establishing economic or financial arrange-
16 ments that will have the effect of alleviating the im-
17 pact of United States sanctions or multilateral sanc-
18 tions;

19 (5) furthering Russia’s disinformation and
20 propaganda efforts;

21 (6) coordinating to hinder the response of mul-
22 tilateral organizations, including the United Nations,
23 to provide assistance to the people or Government of
24 Ukraine, to condemn Russia’s war, to hold Russia

1 accountable for the invasion and its prosecution of
2 the war, or to hold those complicit accountable; and

3 (7) providing any material, technical, or
4 logistical support, including to Russian military or
5 intelligence agencies and state-owned or state-linked
6 enterprises.

7 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
8 shall be submitted in unclassified form and published on
9 the Department of State’s publicly available website.

10 (d) SUNSET.—The requirement to submit the report
11 required by subsection (a) shall terminate on the earlier
12 of—

13 (1) the date on which the Secretary of State de-
14 termines the conflict in Ukraine has ended; or

15 (2) the date that is 2 years after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

17 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
19 sional committees” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
23 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
24 fairs of the Senate.

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