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H. R. 4806

To prohibit foreign nations from owning certain facilities, buildings, and land.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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buildings, and land.

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 “Protection of American
5 Land Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST FOREIGN NATIONS OWNING**
7 **CERTAIN FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, AND LAND.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, a foreign nation may not—

1 (1) establish a police or State sponsored secu-
2 rity facility;

3 (2) own or purchase a State sponsored govern-
4 ment building in the United States; or

5 (3) own or purchase land in the United States.

6 (b) COMPENSATION PROVIDED.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, if a foreign nation owns a facil-
8 ity, building, or land described in subsection (a), such for-
9 eign nation shall be provided market-rate compensation
10 for such facility, building, or property within two years
11 of the date of the enactment of this Act by the Secretary
12 of Treasury.

13 (c) RETURN REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, a foreign nation owning a facility, build-
15 ing, or land described in subsection (a) such foreign nation
16 shall return such facility, building, or land to the United
17 States Government.

18 (d) NO LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
19 vision of law, the United States Government shall not be
20 liable for any violation of contracts that occur as a result
21 of this Act.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) FOREIGN NATION.—The term “foreign na-
24 tion” includes a foreign nation, a State sponsored
25 entity, or a government official of a foreign nation.

1 (2) POLICE OR STATE SPONSORED SECURITY
2 FACILITY.—The term “police or State sponsored se-
3 curity facility” means a facility that conducts secu-
4 rity, espionage, acts of law enforcement, or surveil-
5 lance on United States citizens.

6 (3) STATE SPONSORED GOVERNMENT BUILD-
7 ING.—The term “State sponsored government build-
8 ing” means a building owned by a foreign nation.

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