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H. R. 542

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education from receiving gifts from certain countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “No Foreign Gifts Act
5 of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GIFTS FROM CERTAIN COUN-**
2 **TRIES.**

3 The Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001
4 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 117 the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“SEC. 117A. PROHIBITION ON GIFTS FROM CERTAIN COUN-**
7 **TRIES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
9 actment of this section, an institution of higher education
10 that receives funds under this Act may not receive a gift
11 from—

12 “(1) a country that, as of such date of enact-
13 ment, has provided material support to a foreign ter-
14 rorist organization, as determined by the Secretary
15 of State; or

16 “(2) China, Russia, North Korea, or Iran.

17 “(b) REPORTING.—In order to continue to be eligible
18 to receive funds under this Act, an institution described
19 in subsection (a) must, for each instance where such insti-
20 tution is offered a gift from a country described in such
21 subsection, report such offer to the Secretary.

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) MATERIAL SUPPORT.—The term ‘material
24 support’ has the meaning given the term ‘material
25 support and resources’ in section 2339A(b) of title
26 18, United States Code.

1 “(2) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—
2 The term ‘foreign terrorist organization’ means an
3 entity designated by the Secretary of State under
4 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
5 (8 U.S.C. 1189).”.

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