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To prohibit the differential treatment of Hong Kong with respect to China and to impose sanctions with respect to certain persons who undermine democracy and human rights in Hong Kong, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SELF 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 “Hong Kong Equal
5 Treatment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND**
2 **IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT**
3 **TO HONG KONG.**

4 (a) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROHIBITED.—Not-
5 withstanding any other provision of law, the United States
6 Government may not provide the Special Administrative
7 Region of Hong Kong with differential treatment in rela-
8 tion to the People’s Republic of China.

9 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
10 THE UNDERMINING OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS
11 IN HONG KONG.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose
13 the sanctions described in paragraph (2) with re-
14 spect to each foreign person determined by the Sec-
15 retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of
16 the Treasury, or the Secretary of the Treasury, in
17 consultation with the Secretary of State—

18 (A) to be or have been involved, directly or
19 indirectly, in the coercing, arresting, detaining,
20 or imprisoning of an individual under the au-
21 thority of, or to be or have been responsible for
22 or involved in developing, adopting, or imple-
23 menting, the Law of the People’s Republic of
24 China on Safeguarding National Security in the
25 Hong Kong Administrative Region;

1 (B) to be responsible for or complicit in, or
2 to have engaged, directly or indirectly, in—

3 (i) an action or policy that under-
4 mines democratic processes or institutions
5 in Hong Kong;

6 (ii) an action or policy that threatens
7 the peace, security, stability, or autonomy
8 of Hong Kong;

9 (iii) censorship or other activity with
10 respect to Hong Kong that prohibits, lim-
11 its, or penalizes the exercise of freedom of
12 expression or assembly by citizens of Hong
13 Kong, or that limits access to free and
14 independent print, online, or broadcast
15 media; or

16 (iv) the extrajudicial rendition, arbi-
17 trary detention, or torture of any indi-
18 vidual in Hong Kong or other gross viola-
19 tion of internationally recognized human
20 rights or serious human rights abuse in
21 Hong Kong;

22 (C) to be or have been a leader or official
23 of—

24 (i) an entity, including any govern-
25 ment entity, that has engaged in, or whose

1 members have engaged in, any of the ac-
2 tivities described in subparagraph (A), sub-
3 paragraph (B)(i), subparagraph (B)(ii), or
4 subparagraph (B)(iii); or

5 (ii) an entity whose property and in-
6 terests in property are blocked pursuant to
7 this section;

8 (D) to have materially assisted, sponsored,
9 or provided financial, material, or technological
10 support for, or goods or services to or in sup-
11 port of, any person whose property and inter-
12 ests in property are blocked pursuant to this
13 section;

14 (E) to be owned or controlled by, or to
15 have acted or purported to act for or on behalf
16 of, directly or indirectly, any person whose
17 property and interests in property are blocked
18 pursuant to this section; or

19 (F) to be a member of the board of direc-
20 tors or a senior executive officer of any entity
21 whose property and interests in property are
22 blocked pursuant to this section.

23 (2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding
24 the requirements of section 202 of the International
25 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),

1 the President shall exercise all powers granted to the
2 President by that Act to the extent necessary to
3 block and prohibit all transactions in all property
4 and interests in property of the foreign person if
5 such property and interests in property are in the
6 United States, come within the United States, or are
7 or come within the possession or control of a United
8 States person.

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