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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. SCHMITT) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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experimentation in the laboratories of adversarial nations.

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 “Accountability in For-
5 eign Animal Research Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING RESEARCH ON ANIMALS**
7 **IN CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services may not—

1 (1) directly or indirectly conduct biomedical re-
2 search or experimentation that involves testing on
3 vertebrate animals in any facility, or through any
4 entity, located in, or owned or controlled, directly or
5 indirectly, by—

6 (A) any of the foreign countries specified
7 in subsection (b); or

8 (B) such other foreign country that the
9 Secretary of Health and Human Services, in
10 consultation with the Secretary of State and the
11 Secretary of Defense, determines is a foreign
12 country of concern for the purposes of this Act;

13 or

14 (2) support, through grants, subgrants, con-
15 tracts, cooperative agreements, or other funding ve-
16 hicles, biomedical research or experimentation that
17 involves testing on vertebrate animals conducted by
18 any entity based in a foreign country referred to in
19 paragraph (1).

20 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRIES SPECIFIED.—The foreign
21 countries specified in this subsection are the following:

22 (1) The People’s Republic of China, including
23 the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

24 (2) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

25 (3) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

1 (4) The Russian Federation.

2 (c) REPORT ON ADDITION TO LIST OF FOREIGN
3 COUNTRIES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall submit to the chairperson and
6 ranking member of each of the appropriate commit-
7 tees of Congress a report with respect to each in-
8 stance in which the Secretary makes a determination
9 with respect to a country under subsection (a)(1)(B)
10 that contains a detailed accounting of the Sec-
11 retary’s reasoning for such determination.

12 (2) TIMING.—A report shall be submitted under
13 paragraph (1) not later than 60 days after the date
14 of an instance described in such paragraph.

15 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
16 GRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
17 mittees of Congress” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
19 the Senate;

20 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
21 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

22 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
23 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

24 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
25 the House of Representatives;

1 (E) the Committee on Energy and Com-
2 merce of the House of Representatives; and

3 (F) the Committee on Homeland Security
4 of the House of Representatives.

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