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To support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, to safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2025

Mr. CURTIS (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 27, 2026

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, to safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Uyghur Policy Act of
3 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The People’s Republic of China (referred to
7 in this Act as the “PRC”) continues to repress the
8 distinct Islamic, Turkic identity of Uyghurs and
9 members of other ethnic and religious minority
10 groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
11 (referred to in this Act as the “XUAR”) in north-
12 western China and other areas in which they have
13 habitually resided.

14 (2) Uyghurs and other predominantly Muslim
15 ethnic minorities historically making up the majority
16 of the XUAR population have maintained a distinct
17 religious and cultural identity throughout their his-
18 tory.

19 (3) Human rights, including the freedom of re-
20 ligion or belief, and respect for the Uyghurs’ unique
21 Muslim identity are legitimate interests of the inter-
22 national community.

23 (4) The PRC—

24 (A) has ratified the International Covenant
25 on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, done

1 at New York December 16, 1966, and is there-
2 by bound by its provisions; and

3 (B) has also signed the International Cov-
4 enant on Civil and Political Rights, done at
5 New York December 19, 1966.

6 (5) An official campaign to encourage Han Chi-
7 nese migration into the XUAR has placed immense
8 pressure on Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious
9 minority groups who seek to preserve their unique
10 ethnic, cultural, religious, and linguistic traditions.

11 (6) PRC authorities have supported an influx of
12 Han Chinese economic immigrants into the XUAR,
13 implemented discrimination against Uyghurs and
14 other minorities in hiring practices, and provided un-
15 equal access to healthcare services.

16 (7) PRC authorities have manipulated the stra-
17 tegic objectives of the international war on terror to
18 mask their increasing cultural and religious oppres-
19 sion of the Muslim population residing in the
20 XUAR.

21 (8) In 2014, following unrest in the XUAR,
22 Chinese authorities launched the “Strike Hard
23 Against Violent Extremism” campaign, in which du-
24 bious allegations of widespread extremist activity
25 were used as justification for gross human rights

1 violations committed against Uyghurs and members
2 of other minority communities in the XUAR.

3 (9) PRC authorities have made use of the legal
4 system as a tool of repression, including for the im-
5 position of arbitrary detentions and torture against
6 members of the Uyghur community and other mi-
7 nority populations.

8 (10) Uyghurs and Kazakhs who have secured
9 citizenship or permanent residency outside of the
10 PRC have attested to repeated threats, harassment,
11 and surveillance by PRC officials.

12 (11) Reporting from international news organi-
13 zations has found that during the past decade, fam-
14 ily members of Uyghurs and other minority groups
15 living outside of the PRC have gone missing or been
16 detained to force Uyghur expatriates to return to
17 the PRC or silence their dissent.

18 (12) In 2017, Radio Free Asia's Uyghur Serv-
19 ice was the first media organization to report on the
20 PRC's vast, mass arbitrary-detention program in the
21 XUAR.

22 (13) Credible evidence from human rights orga-
23 nizations, think tanks, and journalists confirms that
24 more than 1,000,000 Uyghurs and members of other

1 ethnic minority groups have been imprisoned in
2 extrajudicial “political reeducation” centers.

3 (14) Independent accounts from former detain-
4 ees of “political reeducation” centers describe inhu-
5 mane conditions and treatment including forced po-
6 litical indoctrination, torture, beatings, rape, forced
7 sterilization, and food deprivation.

8 (15) Former detainees also confirmed that they
9 were told by guards that the only way to secure re-
10 lease was to demonstrate sufficient political loyalty
11 to the Government of the PRC.

12 (16) Popular discourse surrounding the ongoing
13 atrocities in the XUAR and advocacy efforts to as-
14 sist Uyghurs remains muted in most Muslim major-
15 ity nations around the world.

16 (17) Former Secretaries of State Antony
17 Blinken and Michael Pompeo and Secretary of State
18 Marco Rubio have all confirmed that the Govern-
19 ment of the PRC has committed genocide and
20 crimes against humanity against Uyghurs and other
21 ethnic and religious minorities in the XUAR.

22 (18) Government bodies of multiple countries
23 have also declared that atrocities by the Government
24 of the PRC against such populations in the XUAR
25 constitute genocide, including the Parliament of the

1 United Kingdom, of Belgium, of Czechia, of Lith-
2 uania, of the Netherlands, and of Canada.

3 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the Government of the PRC should imme-
6 diately open the XUAR to regular, transparent, and
7 unmanipulated visits by—

8 (A) members of the press;

9 (B) international organizations, including
10 the Office of the United Nations High Commis-
11 sioner for Human Rights;

12 (C) academic and human rights research
13 institutions; and

14 (D) foreign delegations, including delega-
15 tions from the Congress of the United States;

16 (2) the Government of the PRC should—

17 (A) recognize, and take tangible steps to
18 protect and preserve, the distinct ethnic, cul-
19 tural, religious, and linguistic identity of
20 Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and reli-
21 gious minority groups in the XUAR;

22 (B) cease all government-sponsored crack-
23 downs, imprisonments, and detentions of people
24 throughout the XUAR aimed at repressing

1 their ethnic, cultural, political, or religious iden-
2 tities; and

3 ~~(C)~~ cease all government-sponsored
4 transnational repression of Uyghurs, including
5 the detainment, harassment, intimidation, and
6 surveillance of the family members of exiled
7 Uyghurs and Uyghur activists;

8 ~~(3)~~ it is commendable that countries, including
9 Turkey, Albania, and Germany, have provided shel-
10 ter and hospitality to Uyghurs and other minority
11 group members in exile from the PRC;

12 ~~(4)~~ urges all countries, especially fellow democ-
13 racies and countries with sizeable Muslim popu-
14 lations, to condemn and address the plight of
15 Uyghurs and other minority communities in the
16 XUAR;

17 ~~(5)~~ the Government of the PRC should imme-
18 diately grant unconditional releases to all prisoners
19 that have been detained for their ethnic, cultural, re-
20 ligious, and linguistic identities, for expressing their
21 political or religious beliefs in the XUAR, or for
22 being related to members of the Uyghur diaspora or
23 activist community, including—

24 ~~(A)~~ Ekper Asat, who participated in the
25 Department of State's International Visitors

1 Leadership Program in 2016, was incarcerated
2 after returning to the XUAR, and is now serv-
3 ing a 15-year prison sentence on charges of “in-
4 citing ethnic hatred and ethnic discrimination”;

5 (B) Dr. Gulshan Abbas, a Uyghur retired
6 medical doctor who was wrongfully detained in
7 the XUAR on September 11, 2018, and un-
8 justly sentenced to 20 years in prison in retalia-
9 tion for her sister’s advocacy for Uyghur
10 human rights issues; and

11 (C) Kamile Wayit, a Uyghur university
12 student who was wrongfully detained on De-
13 cember 12, 2022, after returning to the XUAR
14 during the winter holiday while on break from
15 studying;

16 (6) the Government of the PRC should facili-
17 tate access for international humanitarian organiza-
18 tions, including the International Federation of Red
19 Cross and Red Crescent Societies, to the “political
20 reeducation” centers in the XUAR to ensure pris-
21 oners are not being mistreated and are receiving
22 necessary medical care; and

23 (7) the Department of State should continue to
24 facilitate the unhindered dissemination to the inter-
25 national community of information regarding the

1 human rights, religious freedom, and transnational
2 repression of Uyghurs and members of other minor-
3 ity groups in the XUAR.

4 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES STRENGTHENING OF COORDINA-**
5 **TION ON UYGHUR ISSUES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, as appro-
7 priate, shall—

8 (1) prioritize policies, programs, and projects to
9 support the Uyghurs and members of other ethnic
10 and religious minority groups in the XUAR;

11 (2) vigorously promote the policies of—

12 (A) protecting the distinct ethnic, religious,
13 cultural, and linguistic identities of the Uyghurs
14 and other minority groups; and

15 (B) improving the protection of human
16 rights in the XUAR;

17 (3) direct the Department of State to maintain
18 close contact with Uyghur religious, cultural, and
19 political leaders, including seeking regular travel to
20 the XUAR and to Uyghur populations in Central
21 Asia, Turkey, Albania, Germany, and other parts of
22 Europe;

23 (4) lead coordination efforts for the release of
24 political prisoners in the XUAR who are being de-

1 tained for exercising their human rights or being rel-
2 atives of exiled Uyghurs;

3 (5) consult with Congress regarding policies rel-
4 evant to the XUAR and the Uyghurs;

5 (6) coordinate with relevant Federal agencies to
6 administer aid to Uyghur rights advocates;

7 (7) strive to establish contacts with foreign
8 ministries of other countries, especially in Europe,
9 Central Asia, and members of the Organisation of
10 Islamic Cooperation, to pursue a policy of promoting
11 greater respect for human rights and religious free-
12 dom for Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious mi-
13 nority groups in the XUAR;

14 (8) utilize Strategic Dialogue with the
15 Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to address
16 Uyghur rights and work with its individual member
17 states to develop and implement joint initiatives and
18 programs aimed at promoting awareness of Uyghur
19 rights and supporting Uyghur victims of detainment,
20 harassment, and transnational repression;

21 (9) support independent media authorized
22 under section 309 of the United States International
23 Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6208), includ-
24 ing Radio Free Asia, which conduct reporting and
25 investigative journalism focused on the XUAR, in-

cluding in local languages, to ensure the reporting of
future PRC human rights abuses;

(10) work with international partners to raise
awareness concerning acts of transnational repression against Uyghur Americans or Uyghurs who are
living in exile in the United States and develop and
implement strategies to prevent and respond to such
transnational repression;

(11) establish a reporting mechanism for individuals to report incidents of transnational repression against Uyghurs and other minority groups
with ties to the XUAR; and

(12) submit to Congress an annual report, including a classified annex, if necessary, that—

(A) describes actions taken by the United States to address and prevent transnational repression against Uyghurs in the United States;
and

(B) includes recommendations for further legislative or policy measures in support of the human rights of Uyghurs and other minority groups from the XUAR.

(b) SUPPORT.—The Secretary of State shall ensure the Department of State has adequate resources, staff, and administrative support to carry out this section.

1 (c) ~~SUNSET.~~—The requirements under this section
 2 shall cease to have any force or effect beginning on the
 3 date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of
 4 this Act.

5 **SEC. 5. FUNDING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES TO CON-**
 6 **DUCT PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE ISLAMIC**
 7 **WORLD ON THE UYGHUR SITUATION.**

8 (a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Of the amounts appropriated for
 9 the Office of the United States Speaker Program of the
 10 Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Depart-
 11 ment of State for each of the fiscal years 2025, 2026, and
 12 2027, \$250,000 shall be made available to support human
 13 rights advocates working on behalf of the Uyghurs and
 14 members of other ethnic and religious minority groups
 15 from the ~~XUAR~~ that are being persecuted in the PRC.

16 (b) ~~IDENTIFICATION OF SPEAKERS.~~—The Assistant
 17 Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs,
 18 in consultation with representatives of the global Uyghur
 19 community, shall identify human rights advocates who
 20 may be invited to speak at global public diplomacy forums,
 21 particularly events at which representatives from
 22 Organisation of Islamic Cooperation countries and other
 23 Muslim-majority countries are present, regarding issues
 24 regarding the human rights and religious freedom of

1 Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minor-
 2 ity groups who have been persecuted by the PRC.

3 **SEC. 6. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

4 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
 5 requirements under this Act. Such requirements shall be
 6 carried out using amounts otherwise authorized for similar
 7 purposes.

8 **SEC. 7. ACCESS TO DETENTION FACILITIES AND PRISONS**
 9 **AND THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS.**

10 (a) STRATEGY ON POLITICAL REEDUCATION AND
 11 DETENTION FACILITIES.—Not later than 180 days after
 12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
 13 State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant
 14 Federal departments and agencies, shall develop a strat-
 15 egy for cooperating with like-minded partners to pressure
 16 the Government of the PRC—

17 (1) to close all detention facilities and “political
 18 reeducation” camps housing Uyghurs and members
 19 of other ethnic minority groups in the XUAR;

20 (2) to allow unhindered access to detention fa-
 21 cilities and “political reeducation” camps in the
 22 XUAR by independent media, researchers, inter-
 23 national organizations and the Office of the United
 24 Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for

1 a comprehensive assessment of the human rights sit-
 2 uation; and

3 ~~(3)~~ to protect human rights and preserve the
 4 distinct religious and cultural identity of the
 5 Uyghurs and the other religious and ethnic minority
 6 communities in the XUAR.

7 ~~(b) REPORT ON STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION.—~~

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
 9 this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
 10 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
 11 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
 12 a report, including a classified annex, if necessary, that
 13 includes—

14 ~~(1)~~ the strategy developed pursuant to sub-
 15 section (a); and

16 ~~(2)~~ all of the steps that have been taken to im-
 17 plement such strategy in accordance with the objec-
 18 tives described in paragraphs ~~(1)~~ through ~~(3)~~ of sub-
 19 section (a).

20 **SEC. 8. REQUIREMENT FOR UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAINING.**

21 ~~(a) UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAINING AND STAFFING.—~~

22 The Secretary of State shall take such steps as may be
 23 necessary to ensure that—

24 ~~(1)~~ Uyghur language training is available to
 25 Foreign Service officers, as appropriate; and

1 (2) efforts are made to ensure that at least 1
 2 Uyghur-speaking member of the Service (as defined
 3 in section 103 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
 4 (22 U.S.C. 3903)) is assigned to each United States
 5 diplomatic or consular post in China.

6 (b) REPORT.—No later than 1 year after the date
 7 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
 8 the following 2 years, the Foreign Service Institute shall
 9 submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations
 10 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 11 the House of Representatives that outlines all of the steps
 12 that have been taken to implement subsection (a).

13 **SEC. 9. UYGHUR CONSIDERATIONS AT THE UNITED NA-**
 14 **TIONS.**

15 The President should direct the United States Per-
 16 manent Representative to the United Nations to use the
 17 voice, vote, and influence of the United States—

18 (1) to oppose any efforts to prevent consider-
 19 ation of the gross violation of internationally recog-
 20 nized human rights in the XUAR in any body of the
 21 United Nations;

22 (2) to oppose any efforts to prevent the partici-
 23 pation of any Uyghur human rights advocates in
 24 nongovernmental fora hosted by, or otherwise orga-

nized under the auspices of, any body of the United Nations; and

~~(3) to support the appointment of a special rapporteur or working group for the XUAR for the purposes of—~~

~~(A) monitoring human rights violations and abuses in the XUAR; and~~

~~(B) making reports containing information about such violations and abuses available to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the General Assembly of the United Nations, and other United Nations subsidiaries.~~

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Uyghur Policy Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The People’s Republic of China (referred to in this Act as the “PRC”) continues to repress the distinct Islamic, Turkic identity of Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (referred to in this Act as the “XUAR”) in north-

1 *western China and other areas in which they have ha-*
 2 *bitually resided.*

3 *(2) Uyghurs and other predominantly Muslim*
 4 *ethnic minorities historically making up the majority*
 5 *of the XUAR population have maintained a distinct*
 6 *religious and cultural identity throughout their his-*
 7 *tory.*

8 *(3) The PRC—*

9 *(A) ratified the International Covenant on*
 10 *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, done at*
 11 *New York, December 16, 1966, and is thereby*
 12 *bound by its provisions; and*

13 *(B) signed the International Covenant on*
 14 *Civil and Political Rights, done at New York De-*
 15 *cember 19, 1966.*

16 *(4) PRC authorities manipulated the strategic*
 17 *objectives of the international war on terror to mask*
 18 *their increasing cultural and religious oppression of*
 19 *Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority*
 20 *groups residing in the XUAR.*

21 *(5) In 2014, PRC authorities launched the*
 22 *“Strike Hard Against Violent Extremism” campaign,*
 23 *in which dubious allegations of widespread extremist*
 24 *activity were used as justification for violations of*
 25 *internationally recognized human rights committed*

1 *against Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and re-*
2 *ligious minority groups in the XUAR.*

3 *(6) PRC authorities have made use of its legal*
4 *system as a tool of repression, including for the impo-*
5 *sition of arbitrary detentions and torture against*
6 *members of the Uyghur community and other ethnic*
7 *and religious minority groups.*

8 *(7) Uyghurs and Kazakhs who have secured citi-*
9 *zenship or permanent residency outside of the PRC*
10 *have attested to repeated threats, harassment, and*
11 *surveillance by PRC officials.*

12 *(8) Reporting from international news organiza-*
13 *tions has found that during the past decade, in order*
14 *to silence dissent or to force exiled or other overseas*
15 *Uyghurs to return to the PRC, family members of*
16 *such Uyghur individuals or members of other ethnic*
17 *and religious minority groups living inside the PRC*
18 *have disappeared or been detained by PRC authori-*
19 *ties.*

20 *(9) In February 2025, Thai authorities refouled*
21 *40 detained Uyghurs to Xinjiang, ignoring warnings*
22 *from the United States Government and Congress.*

23 *(10) In 2017, Radio Free Asia's Uyghur Service*
24 *was the first media organization to report on the*

1 *PRC's vast, mass arbitrary-detention program in the*
2 *XUAR.*

3 *(11) International civil society has compiled*
4 *credible evidence that—*

5 *(A) more than 1,000,000 Uyghurs and*
6 *members of other ethnic and religious minority*
7 *groups were detained in extrajudicial “voca-*
8 *tional education and training centers”; and*

9 *(B) thousands more such individuals con-*
10 *tinue to be coerced to participate in state-led*
11 *forced labor transfer programs.*

12 *(12) Independent accounts from former detainees*
13 *of “vocational education and training” centers de-*
14 *scribe inhumane conditions and treatment, including*
15 *forced political indoctrination, torture, beatings, rape,*
16 *forced sterilization, and food deprivation.*

17 *(13) Former detainees also confirmed that they*
18 *were told by guards that the only way to secure re-*
19 *lease was to demonstrate sufficient political loyalty to*
20 *the Government of the PRC.*

21 *(14) Discourse surrounding the ongoing atroc-*
22 *ities in the XUAR, including efforts to support the*
23 *Uyghur community, remains limited in most Muslim*
24 *majority nations around the world.*

1 (15) *Former Secretary of State Michael Pompeo*
 2 *determined, and both former Secretary of State An-*
 3 *thony Blinken and Secretary of State Marco Rubio*
 4 *reaffirmed, that the Government of the PRC continues*
 5 *to commit genocide and crimes against humanity*
 6 *against Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious mi-*
 7 *norities in the XUAR.*

8 (16) *Multiple foreign government bodies have de-*
 9 *clared that atrocities by the Government of the PRC*
 10 *against Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and re-*
 11 *ligious minority groups in the XUAR constitute geno-*
 12 *cide, including the European Parliament and the*
 13 *parliaments of Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic,*
 14 *France, Ireland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and the*
 15 *United Kingdom, respectively.*

16 (17) *On March 12, 2026, China's National Peo-*
 17 *ple's Congress adopted the Law on Promoting Ethnic*
 18 *Unity and Progress, which mandates Mandarin in-*
 19 *struction for minority children beginning in preschool*
 20 *and subjects all ethnic affairs to party authority, sys-*
 21 *tematically eroding the linguistic and cultural iden-*
 22 *tity of Uyghurs and other minority groups.*

23 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

24 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

25 (1) *the Government of the PRC should—*

1 (A) recognize, and take tangible steps to
 2 protect and preserve, the distinct ethnic, cultural,
 3 religious, and linguistic identity of Uyghurs and
 4 members of other ethnic and religious minority
 5 groups in the XUAR;

6 (B) immediately cease all government-spon-
 7 sored crackdowns, imprisonments, and detentions
 8 of people throughout the XUAR aimed at repress-
 9 ing their ethnic, cultural, political, or religious
 10 identities; and

11 (C) cease all government-sponsored
 12 transnational repression of Uyghurs, including
 13 the detainment, harassment, intimidation, and
 14 surveillance of the family members of exiled
 15 Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and mi-
 16 nority groups in the XUAR;

17 (2) the Government of the PRC should imme-
 18 diately open the XUAR to regular, transparent, and
 19 unmanipulated visits by—

20 (A) members of the press;

21 (B) international organizations;

22 (C) academic and research institutions fo-
 23 cused on internationally recognized human
 24 rights; and

1 (D) foreign delegations, including delega-
2 tions from the United States;

3 (3) it is commendable that countries, including
4 Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, Australia,
5 Japan, and Türkiye, among others, have provided
6 shelter and hospitality to Uyghurs and other ethnic
7 and religious minority group members in exile from
8 the PRC;

9 (4) the Government of the PRC should imme-
10 diately grant unconditional release of all prisoners
11 that have been detained for their ethnic, cultural, reli-
12 gious, and linguistic identities, for expressing their
13 political or religious beliefs in the XUAR, or for being
14 related to members of the Uyghur diaspora or activist
15 community, including—

16 (A) Ekpar Asat, who participated in the
17 Department of State’s International Visitors
18 Leadership Program in 2016, was incarcerated
19 after returning to the XUAR, and is now serving
20 a 15-year prison sentence on charges of “inciting
21 ethnic hatred and ethnic discrimination”;

22 (B) Dr. Gulshan Abbas, a Uyghur retired
23 medical doctor who was unjustly detained in the
24 XUAR on September 11, 2018, and unfairly sen-
25 tenced to 20 years in prison in retaliation for

1 *her United States citizens sister's advocacy for*
2 *Uyghurs;*

3 *(C) Illham Tohti, a Uyghur economics pro-*
4 *fessor who advocated for improving Uyghur-Han*
5 *relations and improving the implementation of*
6 *regional autonomy laws in the PRC, was de-*
7 *tained on January 15, 2014, and sentenced to*
8 *life in prison on charges of "separatism"; and*

9 *(D) Rahile Dawut, a professor who re-*
10 *searched Uyghur folklore and traditions and was*
11 *detained in 2017 and sentenced to life in prison*
12 *on charges of "splittism" and "endangering*
13 *State security";*

14 *(5) the Government of the PRC should facilitate*
15 *comprehensive access for international organizations,*
16 *to "vocational education and training" centers, pris-*
17 *ons, and factories in the XUAR; and*

18 *(6) the Department of State should continue to*
19 *facilitate the unhindered dissemination of informa-*
20 *tion to the international community regarding the*
21 *status of internationally recognized human rights, re-*
22 *ligious freedom, and transnational repression of*
23 *Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious*
24 *minority groups in the XUAR.*

1 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES STRENGTHENING OF COORDINA-**
 2 **TION ON UYGHUR ISSUES.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State should, as*
 4 *appropriate—*

5 (1) *prioritize policies, programs, and projects, in*
 6 *coordination with other relevant agencies, to support*
 7 *Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious*
 8 *minority groups in the XUAR;*

9 (2) *vigorously promote policies to protect the dis-*
 10 *tinct ethnic, religious, cultural, and linguistic identi-*
 11 *ties of the Uyghurs and other minority groups;*

12 (3) *maintain close contact with Uyghur reli-*
 13 *gious, cultural, and political leaders, including by*
 14 *seeking regular travel to the XUAR and visiting*
 15 *Uyghur diaspora communities around the world;*

16 (4) *advocate for the release of political prisoners*
 17 *in the XUAR who were detained for exercising their*
 18 *internationally recognized human rights to put pres-*
 19 *sure on exiled Uyghurs;*

20 (5) *regularly consult with Congress regarding*
 21 *policies relevant to the XUAR and the Uyghurs;*

22 (6) *engage with counterparts in Europe, Central*
 23 *Asia, and member states of the Organisation of Is-*
 24 *lamic Cooperation—*

25 (A) *to promote internationally recognized*
 26 *human rights and religious freedom for Uyghurs*

1 *and other ethnic and religious minority groups*
 2 *in the XUAR; and*

3 *(B) to develop and implement joint initia-*
 4 *tives and programs aimed at promoting aware-*
 5 *ness and supporting Uyghur victims of deten-*
 6 *tion, harassment, and transnational repression;*

7 *(7) develop a strategy to work with foreign part-*
 8 *ners to pressure the Government of the PRC—*

9 *(A) to close all detention facilities and “vo-*
 10 *cational education and training” camps housing*
 11 *Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and reli-*
 12 *gious minority groups in the XUAR;*

13 *(B) to allow unhindered access to detention*
 14 *facilities and “vocational education and train-*
 15 *ing” camps in the XUAR by independent media,*
 16 *researchers, and international organizations for*
 17 *a comprehensive assessment; and*

18 *(C) to protect internationally recognized*
 19 *human rights and preserve the distinct religious*
 20 *and cultural identity of the Uyghurs and other*
 21 *religious and ethnic minority communities in*
 22 *the XUAR;*

23 *(8) work with international partners—*

24 *(A) to raise awareness regarding*
 25 *transnational repression of Uyghur Americans*

1 *or Uyghurs who are living in exile in the United*
 2 *States; and*

3 *(B) to develop and implement strategies to*
 4 *prevent and respond to such transnational re-*
 5 *pression; and*

6 *(9) establish a mechanism for individuals to re-*
 7 *port incidents of transnational repression against*
 8 *Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority*
 9 *groups with ties to the XUAR.*

10 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*
 11 *of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for*
 12 *the following 3 years, the Secretary of State shall submit*
 13 *a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-*
 14 *ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of*
 15 *Representatives, with a classified annex, if necessary,*
 16 *that—*

17 *(1) lists the actions described in subsection (a)*
 18 *that were taken by the Secretary during the reporting*
 19 *period, including programs and engagements with*
 20 *foreign governments;*

21 *(2) describes actions taken by the United States*
 22 *Government to address and prevent transnational re-*
 23 *pression against Uyghurs in the United States; and*

24 *(3) includes recommendations for further legisla-*
 25 *tive or policy measures in support of the internation-*

1 *ally recognized human rights of Uyghurs and other*
 2 *ethnic and religious minority groups from the XUAR.*

3 *(c) SUNSET.—The requirements under this section*
 4 *shall cease to have any force or effect beginning on the date*
 5 *that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

6 **SEC. 5. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

7 *No additional funds are authorized to carry out the*
 8 *requirements under this Act. Such requirements shall be*
 9 *carried out using amounts otherwise authorized for similar*
 10 *purposes.*

11 **SEC. 6. REQUIREMENT FOR UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAINING.**

12 *(a) UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAINING AND STAFFING.—*
 13 *The Secretary of State may take such steps as may be nec-*
 14 *essary to ensure that—*

15 *(1) Uyghur language training is available to*
 16 *Foreign Service officers; and*

17 *(2) efforts are made to ensure that at least 1*
 18 *Uyghur-speaking member of the Service (as defined in*
 19 *section 103 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22*
 20 *U.S.C. 3903)) is assigned to—*

21 *(A) one United States diplomatic or con-*
 22 *sular post in the People's Republic of China; and*

23 *(B) one United States diplomatic or con-*
 24 *sular post in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan,*
 25 *Kyrgyzstan, or Türkiye.*

1 (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
 2 the enactment of this Act, the Foreign Service Institute shall
 3 submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 4 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 5 House of Representatives that outlines all of the steps that
 6 have been taken to implement subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 7. UYGHUR CONSIDERATIONS AT THE UNITED NA-**
 8 **TIONS.**

9 *The President shall direct the United States Perma-*
 10 *nent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice,*
 11 *vote, and influence of the United States at every United*
 12 *States multilateral mission—*

13 (1) *to oppose any efforts to prevent consideration*
 14 *of the gross violation of internationally recognized*
 15 *human rights in the XUAR in any body of the United*
 16 *Nations;*

17 (2) *to oppose any actions to prevent the partici-*
 18 *pation of advocates for internationally recognized*
 19 *human rights of Uyghurs in nongovernmental fora*
 20 *hosted by, or otherwise organized under the auspices*
 21 *of, any body of the United Nations; and*

22 (3) *to support the creation or appointment of a*
 23 *special rapporteur for the XUAR for the purposes*
 24 *of—*

1 (A) *monitoring violations and abuses of*
2 *internationally recognized human rights in the*
3 *XUAR; and*

4 (B) *making reports containing information*
5 *about such violations and abuses available to the*
6 *General Assembly of the United Nations and*
7 *other United Nations affiliated agencies, bodies,*
8 *entities, and member states.*

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