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To prohibit the provision of United States financial assistance to any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered foreign principal.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BANKS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 Funding for For-
5 eign Agents Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) AGENT OF A COVERED FOREIGN PRIN-
9 CIPAL.—The term “agent of a covered foreign prin-
10 cipal” means—

1 (A) any person who acts as an agent, rep-
2 resentative, employee, or servant, or in any
3 other capacity at the order, request, or under
4 the direction or control, of a covered foreign
5 principal or of a person any of whose activities
6 are directly or indirectly supervised, directed,
7 controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or
8 in major part by a covered foreign principal,
9 whether or not that person represents the inter-
10 ests of such foreign principal before any agency
11 or official of the Government of the United
12 States or engages in any official activity within
13 the United States;

14 (B) any duly accredited diplomatic or con-
15 sular officer of the government of a covered na-
16 tion who is so recognized by the Department of
17 State;

18 (C) any official of the government of a cov-
19 ered nation whose duties are known by the De-
20 partment of State;

21 (D) any member of the staff of, or any
22 person employed by, a duly accredited diplo-
23 matic or consular officer of the government of
24 a covered nation who is so recognized by the
25 Department of State;

1 (E) any agent of a covered foreign prin-
2 cipal who engages in lobbying activities and has
3 registered or would be required to register
4 under section 4 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act
5 of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603); and

6 (F) any person who has provided notice to
7 the Attorney General as an agent of a foreign
8 government or would be required to provide
9 such notice under section 951 of title 18,
10 United States Code.

11 (2) CONTROLLED.—The term “controlled” has
12 the meaning given the term “control” in section
13 80.208 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, pro-
14 vided that any officer, executive, proprietor, director,
15 partner, senior manager, or combination of agents
16 who together own a majority or a dominant minority
17 of the total outstanding voting interest, of an entity
18 shall be understood to control it for purposes of this
19 Act.

20 (3) COVERED FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—The term
21 “covered foreign principal” means—

22 (A) the government of a covered nation
23 and any political party in a covered nation;

24 (B) a person in a covered nation, unless
25 such person—

1 (i)(I) is an individual citizen of, and
2 domiciled within, the United States; and

3 (II) is not an agent of a covered for-
4 eign principal; or

5 (ii)(I) is not an individual;

6 (II) is organized under, or created by,
7 the laws of the United States or of any
8 State or other place subject to the jurisdic-
9 tion of the United States;

10 (III) has its principal place of busi-
11 ness within the United States; and

12 (IV) is not controlled by an agent of
13 a covered foreign principal;

14 (C) a partnership, association, corporation,
15 organization, or other combination of persons
16 organized under the laws of, or having its prin-
17 cipal place of business in, a covered nation; or

18 (D) any organization named in section
19 1003 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 (22
20 U.S.C. 5202).

21 (4) COVERED NATION.—The term “covered na-
22 tion” means the Democratic People’s Republic of
23 Korea, the People’s Republic of China, the Russian
24 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic
25 Emirate of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Myanmar

(formerly known as “Burma”), Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Laos, Libya, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen.

(5) DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “direct financial assistance” means financial assistance from the Government of the United States that is received by an entity selected by the Government or a pass-through entity, including any contract, grant, loan, cooperative agreement, or other agreement.

(6) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means any partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of individuals.

(7) INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “indirect financial assistance” means financial assistance from the Government of the United States that is received by a service provider which is paid by means of a voucher, certificate, or other means of Government-funded payment provided to a beneficiary who is able to choose a service provider.

(8) PASS-THROUGH ENTITY.—The term “pass-through entity” means any entity, including a non-profit or nongovernmental organization, acting under a contract, grant, loan, cooperative agree-

1 ment, or other agreement with the Government of
 2 the United States or with a State or local govern-
 3 ment in the United States that—

4 (A) accepts direct financial assistance as a
 5 primary recipient or grantee; and

6 (B) distributes such assistance to other or-
 7 ganizations that provide services.

8 (9) PERSON.—The term “person” means any
 9 individual, partnership, association, corporation, or-
 10 ganization, or other combination of individuals.

11 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON UNITED STATES FINANCIAL AS-**
 12 **SISTANCE.**

13 Any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered
 14 foreign principal is ineligible to receive direct financial as-
 15 sistance or indirect financial assistance.

16 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

17 Nothing in this Act may be construed to terminate—

18 (1) United States financial assistance to entities
 19 that are not controlled by an agent of a covered for-
 20 eign principal; or

21 (2) any foreign assistance (as defined in section
 22 634(b)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962 (22
 23 U.S.C. 2394(b)(1))).

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