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To prohibit the entry into the United States of connected vehicles associated with foreign adversaries.

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Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Protecting America
5 from Chinese Cars Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES**
2 **OF CONNECTED VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH**
3 **FOREIGN ADVERSARIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—A connected vehicle may not
5 enter, or otherwise be transported or conveyed into, the
6 United States if—

7 (1) the country of origin of the connected vehi-
8 cle is a covered country or the connected vehicle is
9 designed within a covered country; or

10 (2) the manufacturer of the connected vehicle is
11 a joint venture, subsidiary, or other entity in which
12 more than 15 percent of the equity interest, voting
13 interest, board representation, or other indicia of
14 control, whether directly or indirectly, is owned or
15 controlled by an entity, or combination of entities,
16 organized under the laws of, or with its principal
17 place of business in, a covered country.

18 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
19 (a) shall not apply to the entry, or other transportation
20 or conveyance, of a connected vehicle into the United
21 States if the vehicle—

22 (1) is not intended to be driven on public roads;
23 and

24 (2) is being brought into the United States for
25 the sole purpose of testing and evaluation by an en-
26 tity that—

1 (A) is organized under the laws of a State
2 in the United States;

3 (B) does not have its principal place of
4 business in a covered country; and

5 (C) is not 25 percent or more, whether di-
6 rectly or indirectly, owned or controlled by an
7 entity, or combination of entities, organized
8 under the laws of, or with its principal place of
9 business in, a covered country.

10 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

11 (1) ISSUANCE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner, in
13 consultation with the Secretary of Commerce,
14 may issue a general or specific authorization for
15 a connected vehicle that would otherwise be
16 subject to the prohibition under subsection (a)
17 to enter the United States if—

18 (i) the Secretary determines, based on
19 clear and convincing evidence and a writ-
20 ten risk assessment, that the vehicle does
21 not pose, and is not reasonably likely to
22 pose—

23 (I) an undue risk of data
24 exfiltration or of being remotely ma-
25 nipulated or operated;

1 (II) a risk to critical infrastruc-
2 ture or the integrity of the industrial
3 base of the United States; or

4 (III) any other risk to the na-
5 tional security of the United States;

6 (ii) not less than 60 days before the
7 authorization takes effect, the Commis-
8 sioner submits to Congress a detailed writ-
9 ten notification, including the determina-
10 tion under clause (i) and underlying anal-
11 ysis, including the written risk assessment;
12 and

13 (iii) during the 60-day period de-
14 scribed in clause (ii), there is not enacted
15 into law a joint resolution of disapproval
16 with respect to the authorization of the
17 item.

18 (B) MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF
19 GENERAL OR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS.—The
20 Commissioner may, at any time, modify, sus-
21 pend, or revoke a general or specific authoriza-
22 tion issued under subparagraph (A) if the Sec-
23 retary—

1 (i) determines that the authorization
2 no longer satisfies the requirements of sub-
3 paragraph (A)(i); and

4 (ii) provides the public with an oppor-
5 tunity to comment before modifying, sus-
6 pending, or revoking the authorization.

7 (2) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF AUTHORIZED
8 ITEMS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
10 publish, pursuant to section 553 of title 5,
11 United States Code, and maintain a list of the
12 connected vehicles with respect to which an au-
13 thorization under paragraph (1) has been
14 issued. The initial such list shall be published
15 not later than January 1, 2027.

16 (B) INCLUSIONS.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—To the extent pos-
18 sible, the Secretary shall include, in the list
19 required by subparagraph (A), the manu-
20 facturer and make and model for each con-
21 nected vehicle on the list.

22 (ii) RISK ASSESSMENT.—To the ex-
23 tent possible, the Secretary shall include,
24 in the list required by subparagraph (A), a
25 detailed explanation about why each con-

1 nected vehicle on the list does not pose a
2 risk described in paragraph (1)(A).

3 (3) REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION.—Not
4 later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner shall
5 establish a procedure pursuant to which a manufac-
6 turer of connected vehicles may seek authorization
7 under paragraph (1) for the entry in the United
8 States of a connected vehicle that would otherwise
9 be subject to the prohibition under subsection (a).

10 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner, in
12 consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall pre-
13 scribe regulations to implement this section that include—

14 (1) a list of connected vehicles subject to the
15 prohibition under subsection (a); and

16 (2) a plan for disseminating information about
17 those vehicles to the public.

18 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The prohibi-
19 tion under subsection (a) shall—

20 (1) take effect on the date that is 30 days after
21 the regulations required by subsection (d) are pub-
22 lished in the Federal Register; and

23 (2) apply to connected vehicles attempted to be
24 entered, or otherwise transported or conveyed into,

1 the United States on and after the date described in
2 paragraph (1).

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COMMISSIONER.—The term “Commis-
5 sioner” means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
6 and Border Protection.

7 (2) CONNECTED VEHICLE.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
9 subparagraph (B), the term “connected vehicle”
10 means a vehicle driven or drawn by mechanical
11 power and manufactured primarily for use on
12 public streets, roads, and highways, that inte-
13 grates onboard networked hardware with auto-
14 motive software systems to communicate via
15 dedicated short-range communication, cellular
16 telecommunications connectivity, satellite com-
17 munication, or other wireless spectrum
18 connectivity with any other network or device.

19 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “connected
20 vehicle” does not include a vehicle operated only
21 on a rail line.

22 (3) COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—The term “country
23 of origin”, with respect to a vehicle, means the coun-
24 try—

1 (A) in which the vehicle is manufactured;

2 or

3 (B) the government of which owns or con-

4 trols, or has jurisdiction or direction over—

5 (i) the entity manufacturing the vehi-

6 cle; or

7 (ii) the entity supplying the vehicle.

8 (4) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered

9 country” means—

10 (A) the Democratic People’s Republic of

11 North Korea;

12 (B) the People’s Republic of China;

13 (C) the Russian Federation; and

14 (D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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