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Condemning the Government of the People's Republic of China for engaging
in transnational repression.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2025

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. CURTIS) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Re-
lations

OCTOBER 30, 2025

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment and an amendment to the
preamble

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RESOLUTION

Condemning the Government of the People's Republic of
China for engaging in transnational repression.

~~Whereas transnational repression refers to actions by foreign
governments that cross national borders to intimidate, si-
lence, coerce, or harm individuals, including members of
diaspora and exile communities, in order to suppress dis-
sent and control political expression;~~

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, as the world's most prolific perpetrator of transnational repression, is carrying out a coordinated campaign to surveil, harass, threaten, and coerce individuals living abroad, including people who are lawfully residing in the United States;

Whereas these actions have targeted political dissidents, human rights defenders, and ethnic and religious communities, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China's efforts to intimidate and control individuals residing in the United States, often through covert operations or unregistered agents, constitute a violation of United States sovereignty and an affront to the rule of law; and

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, in coordination with local authorities, has also sought to exert pressure by harassing, threatening, or unlawfully detaining the family members of such individuals who are still residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and by engaging in other acts of harassment targeting such family members, including the confiscation of property, freezing of financial assets, and cancellation of passports to restrict freedom of movement. Now, therefore, be it

Whereas transnational repression refers to a range of tactics that foreign governments employ to reach beyond their borders to harm, intimidate, threaten, harass, or coerce individuals, including political dissidents, journalists, political opponents, religious and ethnic minority groups, and members of diaspora and exile communities, that represents a threat to those who seek to exercise their basic

rights and freedoms in the United States and abroad and to United States sovereignty and democracy;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, as the world's most prolific perpetrator of transnational repression, is carrying out a coordinated campaign to surveil, harass, threaten, and coerce individuals living abroad, including people who are lawfully residing in the United States;

Whereas these actions have targeted political dissidents, defenders of internationally-recognized human rights, and ethnic and religious communities, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China's efforts to intimidate and control individuals residing in the United States, often through covert operations or unregistered agents, constitute a violation of United States sovereignty and an affront to the rule of law;

Whereas authorities in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which is controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, have issued arrest warrants and bounties on overseas Hongkongers, in an extraterritorial and illegal application of its national security laws to silence or intimidate individuals living abroad, including those who are lawfully residing in the United States; and

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, in coordination with local authorities, has also sought to exert pressure by harassing, threatening, or unlawfully detaining the family members of such individuals who are still residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and by engaging in other acts of harassment tar-

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1 *Resolved, That the Senate—*

2 (1) ~~condemns the Government of the People's~~
3 ~~Republic of China for its systematic campaign of~~
4 ~~transnational repression;~~

5 (2) ~~affirms that all individuals residing in the~~
6 ~~United States have the right to live free from for-~~
7 ~~ign government intimidation, coercion, and surveil-~~
8 ~~lance;~~

9 (3) ~~declares that acts of transnational repres-~~
10 ~~sion carried out by the Government of the People's~~
11 ~~Republic of China in the United States violate our~~
12 ~~Nation's sovereignty and democratic values;~~

13 (4) ~~recognizes that the Government of the Peo-~~
14 ~~ple's Republic of China's harassment, threats, or un-~~
15 ~~lawful detention of the family members of such indi-~~
16 ~~viduals who are residing in the People's Republic of~~
17 ~~China or regions controlled by the Government of~~
18 ~~the People's Republic of China is an extension of~~
19 ~~this repression and a violation of basic human~~
20 ~~rights; and~~

1 ~~(5) supports efforts by the United States Gov-~~
2 ~~ernment to investigate, disrupt, and hold account-~~
3 ~~able those who carry out or enable such activities.~~

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6 *public of China for its systematic campaign of*
7 *transnational repression;*

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9 *United States have the right to live free from foreign*
10 *government intimidation, coercion, and surveillance;*

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13 *lic of China in the United States violate our Nation’s*
14 *sovereignty and democratic values;*

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