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To limit the use of funds for the production of films using assets of the Department of State or the Department of Defense under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. ROY, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To limit the use of funds for the production of films using assets of the Department of State or the Department of Defense under certain circumstances, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stopping Communist
5 Regimes from Engaging in Edits Now Act” or the
6 “SCREEN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PRODUCTION**
2 **OF FILMS AND PROHIBITION ON USE OF**
3 **SUCH FUNDS FOR FILMS SUBJECT TO CONDI-**
4 **TIONS ON CONTENT OR ALTERED FOR**
5 **SCREENING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**
6 **CHINA OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE**
7 **COMMUNIST PARTY.**

8 (a) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary
9 of State and the Secretary of Defense may only authorize
10 the provision of technical support or access to an asset
11 controlled by or related to the Department of State or the
12 Department of Defense, respectively, to enter into a con-
13 tract relating to the production or funding of a film by
14 a United States company if the United States company,
15 as a condition of receiving the support or access—

16 (1) provides to the applicable Secretary a list of
17 all films produced or funded by that company the
18 content of which has been submitted, during the
19 shorter of the preceding 10-year period or the period
20 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 to an official of the Government of the People's Re-
22 public of China or the Chinese Communist Party
23 (CCP) for evaluation with respect to screening the
24 film in the People's Republic of China (PRC);

25 (2) includes, with respect to each such film—

26 (A) the title of the film; and

1 (B) the date on which such submission oc-
2 curred;

3 (3) enters into a written agreement with the ap-
4 plicable Secretary not to alter the content of the film
5 in response to, or in anticipation of, a request by an
6 official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP;
7 and

8 (4) submits such agreement to the applicable
9 Secretary.

10 (b) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO FILMS SUB-
11 JECT TO CONDITIONS ON CONTENT OR ALTERED FOR
12 SCREENING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—
13 Notwithstanding subsection (a), the President may not au-
14 thorize the provision of technical support or access to any
15 asset controlled by the Federal Government for, or author-
16 ize the head of a Federal agency to enter into any contract
17 relating to, the production or funding of a film by a United
18 States company if—

19 (1) the film is co-produced by an entity located
20 in the PRC that is subject to conditions on content
21 imposed by an official of the Government of the
22 PRC or the CCP; or

23 (2) with respect to the most recent report sub-
24 mitted under subsection (c), the United States com-
25 pany is listed in the report pursuant to subpara-

1 graph (C) or (D) of paragraph (2) of that sub-
2 section.

3 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
6 nually thereafter, the Secretary of State and the
7 Secretary of Defense shall each submit to the appro-
8 priate committees of Congress a report on films dis-
9 closed under subsection (a) that are associated with
10 a United States company that has received technical
11 support or access to an asset controlled by the De-
12 partment of State or the Department of Defense, re-
13 spectively, for, or has entered into a contract with
14 the Federal Government relating to, the production
15 or funding of a film.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
17 graph (1) shall include the following:

18 (A) A description of each film listed pursu-
19 ant to the requirement under subsection (a)(1),
20 the content of which was submitted, during the
21 shorter of the preceding 10-year period or the
22 period beginning on the date of the enactment
23 of this Act, by a United States company to an
24 official of the Government of the PRC or the

1 CCP for evaluation with respect to screening
2 the film in the PRC, including—

3 (i) the United States company that
4 submitted the contents of the film;

5 (ii) the title of the film; and

6 (iii) the date on which such submis-
7 sion occurred.

8 (B) A description of each film with respect
9 to which a United States company entered into
10 a written agreement with the Department of
11 State or the Department of Defense, as applica-
12 ble, providing the support or access, as applica-
13 ble, pursuant to the requirement under sub-
14 section (a)(2) not to alter the content of the
15 film in response to, or in anticipation of, a re-
16 quest by an official of the Government of the
17 PRC or the CCP, during the shorter of the pre-
18 ceding 10-year period or the period beginning
19 on the date of the enactment of this Act, in-
20 cluding—

21 (i) the United States company that
22 entered into the agreement; and

23 (ii) the title of the film.

24 (C) The title of any film described pursu-
25 ant to subparagraph (A), and the corresponding

1 United States company described pursuant to
2 clause (i) of that subparagraph—

3 (i) that was submitted to an official of
4 the Government of the PRC or the CCP
5 during the preceding 3-year period; and

6 (ii) for which the applicable Secretary
7 assesses that the content was altered in re-
8 sponse to, or in anticipation of, a request
9 by an official of the Government of the
10 PRC or the CCP.

11 (D) The title of any film that is described
12 in both subparagraph (A) and subparagraph
13 (B), and the corresponding one or more United
14 States companies described in clause (i) of each
15 such subparagraph—

16 (i) that was submitted to an official of
17 the Government of the PRC or the CCP
18 during the preceding 10-year period; and

19 (ii) for which the applicable Secretary
20 assesses that the content was altered in re-
21 sponse to, or in anticipation of, a request
22 by an official of the Government of the
23 PRC or the CCP.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Armed Services of the
6 Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
8 the Committee on Armed Services of the House
9 of Representatives.

10 (2) CONTENT.—The term “content” means any
11 description of a film, including the script.

12 (3) UNITED STATES COMPANY.—The term
13 “United States company” means a private entity in-
14 corporated under the laws of the United States or
15 any jurisdiction within the United States.

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