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To direct the Director of National Intelligence to assess the national security implications of increased foreign malign influence by the Chinese Communist Party.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAN (for himself, Mr. BACON, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mr. HARRIGAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to assess the national security implications of increased foreign malign influence by the Chinese Communist Party.

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 “Combating Chinese
5 Communist Party Influence Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT ON FOR-**
2 **EIGN MALIGN INFLUENCE ACTIVITIES UN-**
3 **DER TAKEN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES BY**
4 **THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.**

5 (a) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT.—

6 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of National
7 Intelligence, in consultation with other heads of ele-
8 ments of the intelligence community, and acting
9 through the National Intelligence Council, shall
10 produce an intelligence community assessment that
11 addresses foreign malign influence activities under-
12 taken outside the United States by the Chinese
13 Communist Party during the three-year period be-
14 ginning January 1, 2023.

15 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The assessment
16 under paragraph (1) shall address, with respect to
17 the period covered by the report, the following:

18 (A) Foreign malign influence activities un-
19 dertaken outside the United States by the Chi-
20 nese Communist Party in key regions at the ex-
21 pense of the United States and allies of the
22 United States.

23 (B) The effect of such foreign malign in-
24 fluence activities by the Chinese Communist
25 Party on United States alliances and on percep-
26 tions of the United States in key regions.

1 (C) The effect of increased foreign malign
2 influence activities undertaken outside the
3 United States by the Chinese Communist
4 Party.

5 (D) The effect of foreign malign influence
6 activities by the Chinese Communist Party on
7 global and localized financial systems in key re-
8 gions.

9 (E) Trends in foreign malign influence ac-
10 tivity by the Chinese Communist Party in key
11 regions.

12 (F) Any other national security implica-
13 tions of such increased foreign malign influence
14 activities by the Chinese Communist Party that
15 affect interests of the United States and allies
16 of the United States, as determined relevant by
17 the Director.

18 (b) REPORTS.—

19 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
21 rector of National Intelligence shall submit to the
22 appropriate congressional committees a report con-
23 taining the initial findings of the intelligence com-
24 munity assessment under subsection (a).

1 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
3 rector of National Intelligence shall submit to the
4 appropriate congressional committees the intelligence
5 community assessment under subsection (a).

6 (3) FORM OF REPORTS.—The reports under
7 paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be submitted in unclas-
8 sified form, but may contain a classified annex.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means the following:

12 (A) The Select Committee on Intelligence,
13 the Committee on Armed Services, the Com-
14 mittee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
15 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
16 mental Affairs of the Senate.

17 (B) The Permanent Select Committee on
18 Intelligence, the Committee on Armed Services,
19 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-
20 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Select
21 Committee on the Strategic Competition Be-
22 tween the United States and the Chinese Com-
23 munist Party of the House of Representatives.

24 (2) The term “foreign malign influence” has
25 the meaning given that term in section 119C(f) of

1 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
2 3059(f)).

3 (3) The term “key regions” means—

4 (A) the Indo-Pacific;

5 (B) the African continent;

6 (C) Latin America; and

7 (D) Europe.

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