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To establish the CCP Initiative program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish the CCP Initiative program, 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 “Protect America’s In-
5 novation and Economic Security from CCP Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CCP INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
8 National Security Division of the Department of Justice
9 the CCP Initiative to—

10 (1) counter nation-state threats to the United
11 States;

1 (2) curb spying by the Chinese Communist
2 Party on United States intellectual property and
3 academic institutions in the United States;

4 (3) develop an enforcement strategy concerning
5 nontraditional collectors, including researchers in
6 labs, universities, and the defense industrial base,
7 that are being used to transfer technology contrary
8 to United States interests;

9 (4) implement the amendments to the authori-
10 ties of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the
11 United States under section 721 of the Defense Pro-
12 duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565) made by the
13 Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act
14 of 2018 (subtitle A of title XVII of Public Law 115–
15 232; 50 U.S.C. 4565 note) for the Department of
16 Justice, including by working with the Department
17 of the Treasury to develop regulations to implement
18 those amendments;

19 (5) identify cases under the Foreign Corrupt
20 Practices Act of 1977 (Public Law 95–213; 91 Stat.
21 1494) involving Chinese companies that compete
22 with United States businesses;

23 (6) prioritize—

1 (A) identifying and prosecuting those en-
2 gaged in trade secret theft, hacking, and eco-
3 nomic espionage;

4 (B) protecting the critical infrastructure in
5 the United States against external threats
6 through foreign direct investment and supply
7 chain compromises; and

8 (C) identifying Chinese Communist Party
9 theft of intellectual property from small busi-
10 nesses; and

11 (7) investigate investments made by Chinese
12 companies included on the Entity List maintained
13 by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the De-
14 partment of Commerce and set forth in Supplement
15 No. 4 to part 744 of title 15, Code of Federal Regu-
16 lations, or identified by the Secretary of Defense
17 under section 1260H(a) of the William M. (Mac)
18 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
19 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
20 113 note) as a Chinese military company operating
21 directly or indirectly in the United States and report
22 to the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary of
23 Defense, as appropriate, on any findings of such in-
24 vestigations, including findings related to subsidi-
25 aries or other entities controlled by such companies,

1 whether or not such subsidiaries or other entities are
2 registered in or operate in the People’s Republic of
3 China.

4 (b) CONSULTATION.—In executing the CCP Initia-
5 tive’s objectives as set forth in subsection (a), the Attorney
6 General, acting through the Assistant Attorney General
7 for National Security, shall consult with relevant compo-
8 nents of the Department of Justice as necessary, and co-
9 ordinate activities with the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
10 tion and any other Federal agency as necessary.

11 (c) REQUIREMENT.—Under the CCP Initiative—

12 (1) the Initiative shall be separate from and not
13 under the authority or discretion of any other De-
14 partment of Justice initiative dedicated to coun-
15 tering nation-state threats; and

16 (2) all resources used for the CCP Initiative
17 shall solely be set aside for the CCP Initiative and
18 shall not be combined to support any other Depart-
19 ment of Justice program, including other programs
20 and initiatives dedicated to countering nation-state
21 threats.

22 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Attorney General shall
23 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
24 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of
25 the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and

1 the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives on the progress and challenges of the CCP
3 Initiative over the preceding year, including—

4 (1) its progress in accomplishing the objectives
5 set forth in subsection (a);

6 (2) the amount and sufficiency of resources
7 provided to, and expended by, the CCP Initiative;

8 (3) the level and effectiveness of coordination
9 with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other
10 Federal agencies;

11 (4) the status of efforts by and the financial in-
12 telligence capabilities of the Chinese Communist
13 Party to engage in trade secret theft, hacking, and
14 economic espionage;

15 (5) an analysis of the use of unmanned aircraft
16 and associated elements (including communication
17 links and the components that control the unmanned
18 aircraft required for the operator to operate safely
19 and efficiently in the national airspace system) by
20 the Chinese Communist Party;

21 (6) the impact of the CCP Initiative on those
22 efforts of the Chinese Communist Party;

23 (7) the level and effectiveness of coordination
24 and information sharing between Federal agencies

1 and private companies about economic espionage
2 threats; and

3 (8) an assessment of the economic loss to the
4 United States as a result of hacking and trade se-
5 cret theft by the Chinese Communist Party.

6 (e) SUNSET.—This Act shall cease to be in effect on
7 the date that is 6 years after the date of enactment of
8 this Act.

9 (f) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this Act, or
10 the application of such provision to any person or cir-
11 cumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder
12 of this Act, and the application of the provisions of such
13 to any person or circumstance, shall not be affected there-
14 by.

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