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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCCAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Countering Chinese
5 Communist Party Malign Influence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) COUNTERING CHINESE INFLUENCE FUND.—

8 There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 for
9 each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for the Countering

1 Chinese Influence Fund to counter the malign influence
2 of the Chinese Communist Party globally. Amounts appro-
3 priated pursuant to this authorization are authorized to
4 remain available until expended and shall supplement, not
5 supplant, amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-
6 priated to counter such influence.

7 (b) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Amounts appro-
8 priated or otherwise made available to counter the malign
9 influence of the Chinese Communist Party globally, in-
10 cluding pursuant to the authorization under subsection (a)
11 or before the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be
12 subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notifica-
13 tion procedures of—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
15 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives; and

17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

19 (c) POLICY GUIDANCE, COORDINATION, AND AP-
20 PROVAL.—

21 (1) COORDINATOR.—The Secretary of State
22 shall designate a senior official of the Department at
23 the rank of Assistant Secretary or above to provide
24 policy guidance, coordination, and approval for the

1 obligation of funds authorized pursuant to sub-
2 section (a).

3 (2) DUTIES.—The senior official designated
4 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be responsible for
5 the coordination and approval of all programming
6 conducted using the funds authorized to be appro-
7 priated by subsection (a), based on a determination
8 that such programming counters the malign influ-
9 ence and activities of the Chinese Communist Party
10 pursuant to the strategic objectives of the United
11 States, as established in the 2017 National Security
12 Strategy, the 2018 National Defense Strategy, and
13 other relevant national and regional strategies as ap-
14 propriate.

15 (3) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The senior
16 official designated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall,
17 in coordinating and approving programming pursu-
18 ant to paragraph (2), seek to—

19 (A) conduct appropriate interagency con-
20 sultation; and

21 (B) ensure, to the maximum extent prac-
22 ticable, that all approved programming func-
23 tions in concert with other Federal activities to
24 counter the malign influence and activities of
25 the Chinese Communist Party.

1 (4) ASSISTANT COORDINATOR.—The Adminis-
2 trator of the United States Agency for International
3 Development shall designate a senior official at the
4 rank of Assistant Administrator or above to assist
5 and consult the senior official designated pursuant
6 to paragraph (1).

7 (d) MALIGN INFLUENCE.—In this section, the term
8 “malign influence” with respect to the Chinese Com-
9 munist Party should be construed to include acts con-
10 ducted by the Chinese Communist Party or entities acting
11 on its behalf that—

12 (1) undermine a free and open international
13 order;

14 (2) advance an alternative, repressive inter-
15 national order that bolsters the Chinese Communist
16 Party’s hegemonic ambitions and is characterized by
17 coercion and dependency;

18 (3) undermine the national security or sov-
19 ereignty of the United States or other countries; or

20 (4) undermine the economic security of the
21 United States or other countries, including by pro-
22 moting corruption.