

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2710

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## AN ACT

To prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items  
to the Hong Kong Police Force.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
3 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
4 mittees” means—

5 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
6 and Urban Affairs and the Committee on For-  
7 eign Relations of the Senate; and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
9 the House of Representatives.

10 (2) COVERED MUNITIONS ITEMS.—The term  
11 “covered munitions items” means tear gas, pepper  
12 spray, rubber bullets, foam rounds, bean bag rounds,  
13 pepper balls, water cannons, handcuffs, shackles,  
14 stun guns, and tasers.

15 (3) HONG KONG.—The term “Hong Kong” has  
16 the meaning given such term in section 3 of the  
17 United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22  
18 U.S.C. 5702).

19 (4) HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.—The term  
20 “Hong Kong Police Force” means—

21 (A) the Hong Kong Police Force; and

22 (B) the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COMMERCIAL EXPORT OF COV-**  
2 **ERED MUNITIONS ITEMS TO THE HONG KONG**  
3 **POLICE FORCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
5 (b), beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall prohibit  
7 the issuance of licenses to export covered munitions items  
8 to the Hong Kong Police Force.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition set forth in sub-  
10 section (a) shall not apply to the issuance of a license with  
11 respect to which the President submits to the appropriate  
12 congressional committees, not fewer than 30 days before  
13 the date of such issuance, a written notice—

14 (1) certifying that the exports to be covered by  
15 such license are important to the national interests  
16 and foreign policy goals of the United States; and

17 (2) describing the manner in which such ex-  
18 ports will promote such interests and goals.

19 **SEC. 3. SUNSET.**

20 The prohibition under section 2 shall expire one year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate November 19, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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