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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MANNING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Securing Global Tele-  
5 communications Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress as follows:

1           (1) The United States Government should pro-  
2           mote and take steps to ensure American leadership  
3           in strategic technology industries, including tele-  
4           communications infrastructure and other informa-  
5           tion and communications technologies.

6           (2) The expansive presence of companies linked  
7           to the Chinese Communist Party, such as Huawei,  
8           in global mobile networks and the national security  
9           implications thereof, such as the ability of the Peo-  
10          ple's Republic of China to exfiltrate the information  
11          flowing through those networks and shut off coun-  
12          tries' internet access, demonstrates the importance  
13          of the United States remaining at the technological  
14          frontier and the dire consequences of falling behind.

15          (3) The significant cost of countering Huawei's  
16          market leadership in telecommunications infrastruc-  
17          ture around the world underscores the urgency of  
18          supporting the competitiveness of United States  
19          companies in next-generation information and com-  
20          munication technology.

21          (4) To remain a leader at the International  
22          Telecommunication Union (ITU) and preserve the  
23          ITU's technical integrity, the United States must  
24          work with emerging economies and developing na-

1 tions to bolster global telecommunications security  
2 and protect American national security interests.

3 (5) Multilateral cooperation with like-minded  
4 partners and allies is critical to carry out the signifi-  
5 cant effort of financing and promoting secure net-  
6 works around the world and to achieve market lead-  
7 ership of trusted vendors in this sector.

8 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY FOR SECURING GLOBAL TELECOMMUNI-**  
9 **CATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

10 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
12 of State shall develop and submit to the Committees on  
13 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and En-  
14 ergy and Commerce and the Committees on Foreign Rela-  
15 tions and Commerce, Science, and Transportation and of  
16 the Senate a strategy, to be known as the “Strategy to  
17 Secure Global Telecommunications Infrastructure” (re-  
18 ferred to in this Act as the “Strategy”), to promote the  
19 use of secure telecommunication infrastructure in coun-  
20 tries other than the United States.

21 (b) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
22 State shall consult with the President of the Export-Im-  
23 port Bank of the United States, the Chief Executive Offi-  
24 cer of the Development Finance Corporation, the Adminis-  
25 trator of the United States Agency for International De-

1 velopment, the Director of the Trade and Development  
2 Agency, the Chair of the Federal Communications Com-  
3 mission, and the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for  
4 Communications and Information, in developing the Strat-  
5 egy, which shall consist of an approach led by the Depart-  
6 ment of State using the policy tools, and informed by the  
7 technical expertise, of the other Federal entities so con-  
8 sulted to achieve the goal described in subsection (a).

9 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Strategy shall also include sec-  
10 tions on each of the following:

11 (1) Mobile networks, including a description of  
12 efforts by countries other than the United States  
13 to—

14 (A) promote trusted Open RAN tech-  
15 nologies while protecting against any security  
16 risks posed by untrusted vendors in Open RAN  
17 networks;

18 (B) use financing mechanisms to assist  
19 “rip-and-replace” projects and to incentivize  
20 countries to choose trusted equipment vendors;

21 (C) bolster multilateral cooperation, espe-  
22 cially with developing countries and emerging  
23 economies, to promote the deployment of trust-  
24 ed wireless networks worldwide; and

1 (D) collaborate with trusted private sector  
2 companies to counter Chinese market leadership  
3 in the telecom equipment industry.

4 (2) Data centers, including a description of ef-  
5 forts to—

6 (A) utilize financing mechanisms to  
7 incentivize countries other than the United  
8 States to choose trusted data center providers;  
9 and

10 (B) bolster multilateral cooperation, espe-  
11 cially with developing countries and emerging  
12 economies, to promote the deployment of trust-  
13 ed data centers worldwide.

14 (3) Sixth (and future) generation technologies  
15 (6G), including a description of efforts to—

16 (A) deepen cooperation with like-minded  
17 countries to promote United States and allied  
18 market leadership in 6G networks and tech-  
19 nologies; and

20 (B) increase buy-in from developing coun-  
21 tries and emerging countries on trusted tech-  
22 nologies.

23 (4) Low-Earth orbit satellites, aerostats, and  
24 stratospheric balloons, including a description of ef-  
25 forts to work with trusted private sector companies

1 to retain the ability to quickly provide internet con-  
2 nection in response to emergency situations.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON MALIGN INFLUENCE AT THE INTER-**  
4 **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.**

5 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
7 develop and submit to the Committees on Foreign Affairs  
8 and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-  
9 tives and the Committees on Foreign Relations and Com-  
10 merce, Science, and Transportation the Senate a report  
11 on Russian and Chinese strategies and efforts—

12 (1) to expand the mandate of the International  
13 Telecommunication Union (ITU) to cover internet  
14 governance policy; and

15 (2) to advance other actions favorable to au-  
16 thoritarian interests and/or hostile to fair, industry-  
17 led processes.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
19 (a) shall also identify efforts by China and Russia—

20 (1) to increase the ITU's jurisdiction over inter-  
21 net governance and to propose internet governance  
22 standards at the ITU;

23 (2) to leverage their private sector actors to ad-  
24 vance their national interests through the ITU, in-  
25 cluding—

1 (A) encouraging Chinese and Russian com-  
2 panies to leverage their market power to pres-  
3 sure other member countries to deliver favor-  
4 able decisions on ITU elections; and

5 (B) China's efforts to leverage Huawei's  
6 role as the primary telecommunications equip-  
7 ment and services provider for many developing  
8 countries to compel such countries to deliver fa-  
9 vorable decisions on standards proposals, elec-  
10 tion victories, candidate selection, and other le-  
11 vers of power at the ITU; and

12 (3) to use the influence of Chinese and Russian  
13 nationals serving in the ITU to advantage the com-  
14 panies, standards decisions, and candidates that ad-  
15 vance the CCP and Kremlin's interests.

16 (c) FORM.—The report required by this section shall  
17 be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a clas-  
18 sified annex.

19 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON MULTILATERAL COORDINATION.**

20 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination  
22 with the President of the Export-Import Bank of the  
23 United States, the Administrator for the United States  
24 Agency on International Development, the Chief Executive  
25 Officer of the Development Finance Corporation, the

1 Chair of the Federal Communications Commission, and  
2 the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications  
3 and Information, shall develop and submit to the Commit-  
4 tees on Foreign Affairs and Energy and Commerce and  
5 of the House of Representatives and the Committees For-  
6 eign Relations and on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
7 tation and of the Senate a report that identifies opportuni-  
8 ties for greater collaboration with allies and partners to  
9 promote secure information and communications tech-  
10 nology infrastructure in countries other than the United  
11 States, including through—

12           (1) joint financing efforts to help trusted ven-  
13           dors win bids to build out information and commu-  
14           nications technology (ICT) infrastructure;

15           (2) incorporating ICT focuses into allies' and  
16           partners' international development finance initia-  
17           tives; and

18           (3) diplomatic coordination to emphasize the  
19           importance of secure telecommunications infrastruc-  
20           ture to countries using untrusted providers.