

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE**
2 **WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANI-**
3 **ZATION.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) continued participation in the World Intel-
7 lectual Property Organization (WIPO) serves the na-
8 tional interests of the United States, including by—

9 (A) promoting global respect for intellec-
10 tual property rights (IPR);

11 (B) supporting U.S. innovation, entrepre-
12 neurship, and economic growth;

13 (C) advancing U.S. strategic interests in
14 competition with the People's Republic of
15 China;

16 (D) ensuring that global intellectual prop-
17 erty standards are transparent, fair, and
18 aligned with democratic values;

1 (2) the United States must counterbalance the
2 increasing influence of the People's Republic of
3 China at WIPO, including its expanding staffing
4 footprint, which stood at 63 Chinese nationals com-
5 pared to 49 U.S. nationals as of 2024;

6 (3) WIPO plays a central role in shaping global
7 intellectual property regimes, particularly in emerg-
8 ing and strategic sectors such as artificial intel-
9 ligence and biotechnology;

10 (4) leadership at WIPO must not be used to
11 undermine the integrity of international patent sys-
12 tems or to advance the interests of authoritarian re-
13 gimes at the expense of U.S. and allied innovation
14 and legal protections.

15 (b) CONTINUED PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary
16 shall take all necessary steps to maintain the full and ac-
17 tive participation of the United States in the World Intel-
18 lectual Property Organization.

19 (c) NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL.—The
20 Secretary shall identify and support a qualified United
21 States citizen as a candidate for the position of Director
22 General of the World Intellectual Property Organization
23 in the 2026 election, to ensure leadership committed to
24 protecting global intellectual property standards and safe-
25 guarding U.S. national interests.

1 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
4 a report on—

5 (1) the current representation of U.S. nationals
6 on WIPO staff and in leadership positions;

7 (2) U.S. funding and voluntary contributions to
8 WIPO relative to other major contributors; and

9 (3) a strategy to increase U.S. influence and
10 representation at WIPO and other relevant multilat-
11 eral organizations responsible for intellectual prop-
12 erty and innovation policy.

