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H. R. 5567

To prohibit elementary and secondary schools from accepting funds from or entering into contracts with the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. CASE, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. D’ESPOSITO, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. CAREY, Mrs. HINSON, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Combating the Lies
5 of Authoritarians in School Systems Act” or the “CLASS
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FROM AND CONTRACTS**
2 **WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S**
3 **REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE CHINESE COM-**
4 **MUNIST PARTY.**

5 As a condition on receipt of Federal financial assist-
6 ance under any applicable program by a public elementary
7 school or public secondary school, the school may not ac-
8 cept funds from or enter into a contract with—

- 9 (1) the Government of the People's Republic of
10 China;
11 (2) the Chinese Communist Party; or
12 (3) any individual or entity acting directly or
13 indirectly on behalf of such Government or Party.

14 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN FUNDING AND CON-**
15 **TRACTS.**

16 As a condition on receipt of Federal financial assist-
17 ance under any applicable program by a public elementary
18 school or public secondary school, the school shall, not
19 later than 30 days after receiving funds or entering into
20 a contract with a foreign source, submit to the Secretary
21 of Education a written disclosure that identifies—

- 22 (1) the name and country of origin of the for-
23 eign source;
24 (2) in a case in which a school receives funds
25 from a foreign source—

1 (A) the amount of funds received from
2 that source; and

3 (B) any terms or conditions applicable to
4 the receipt of such funds; and

5 (3) in a case in which a school enters into a
6 contract with a foreign source, the terms and condi-
7 tions of such contract.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) The term “applicable program” has the
11 meaning given that term in section 400 of the Gen-
12 eral Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221).

13 (2) The terms “elementary school” and “sec-
14 ondary school” have the meanings given those terms
15 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

17 (3) The term “Federal financial assistance” has
18 the meaning given that term in section 7501(a)(5)
19 of title 31, United States Code.

20 (4) The term “foreign source” has the meaning
21 given that term in section 117(h) of the Higher
22 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f(h)).

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