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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Federal Investment
5 Restrictions on Equipment from Worrisome Authoritarian
6 Linked Locations Act” or the “FIREWALL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING CERTAIN FEDERAL**
2 **FUNDS TO INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT**
3 **PURCHASE FIBER-OPTIC CABLE FROM COUN-**
4 **TRIES OF CONCERN.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—No Federal funds provided
6 through any program, project, or activity administered by
7 the Federal Communications Commission or the National
8 Telecommunications and Information Administration may
9 be provided to an individual or entity that purchases fiber-
10 optic cable from a company that is owned, in whole or
11 in part, by—

- 12 (1) a country of concern;
13 (2) an official of a country of concern govern-
14 ment, including in an individual capacity; or
15 (3) an individual, business, or agency under sig-
16 nificant control of such country of concern.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply with
18 respect to the purchase of fiber-optic cable on or after the
19 date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of
20 this Act.

21 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

- 22 (1) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
23 try of concern” has the meaning given the term
24 “covered nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10,
25 United States Code.

- 1 (2) FIBER-OPTIC CABLE.—The term “fiber-optic
2 cable” includes solid-core fiber and hollow core fiber.

