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# S. 1972

To prohibit Federal funding for research centers and laboratories in which nationals of countries of concern conduct agricultural research.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Bioweapon Prevention  
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR RESEARCH CEN-**  
2 **TERS AND LABORATORIES IN WHICH NATION-**  
3 **ALS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN CONDUCT**  
4 **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funding shall be avail-  
6 able to any research center or laboratory in which a na-  
7 tional of a country of concern conducts agricultural re-  
8 search.

9 (b) DEFINITION OF COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—In this  
10 section, the term “country of concern” means—

- 11 (1) the Republic of Cuba;
- 12 (2) the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- 13 (3) the Russian Federation;
- 14 (4) the People’s Republic of China, including  
15 the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong  
16 and the Special Administrative Region of Macau;
- 17 (5) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and
- 18 (6) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

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