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To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to treat certain tax-exempt organizations receiving funding from foreign principals of foreign countries of concern as agents of a foreign principal under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Foreign Registration
5 Obligations for Nonprofit Transparency Act” or the
6 “FRONT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZA-**
 2 **TIONS RECEIVING FUNDING FROM FOREIGN**
 3 **PRINCIPALS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF**
 4 **CONCERN UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REG-**
 5 **ISTRATION ACT.**

6 (a) COVERAGE.—The Foreign Agents Registration
 7 Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) is
 8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating sections 12, 13, and 14 as
 10 sections 13, 14, and 15, respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after section 11 (22 U.S.C.
 12 621) the following:

13 **“SEC. 12. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT ORGA-**
 14 **NIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING FROM FOR-**
 15 **EIGN PRINCIPALS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES**
 16 **OF CONCERN.**

17 **“(a) APPLICABILITY.—**

18 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**For the purposes of this
 19 Act, an organization described in subsection (b) is
 20 an agent of a foreign principal.

21 **“(2) EXCEPTIONS.—**

22 **“(A) NONAPPLICATION OF WAIVER FOR**
 23 **ENTITIES FILING REPORTS UNDER LOBBYING**
 24 **DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995.—**Section 3(h) shall
 25 not apply to an organization described in para-

1 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this sec-
 2 tion.

3 “(B) WAIVER FOR ORGANIZATIONS SOLIC-
 4 ITING FUNDS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES FOR
 5 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Section 3(d)(3)
 6 shall apply to an organization described in sub-
 7 section (b) of this section notwithstanding that
 8 the organization solicits and collects funds and
 9 contributions outside of the United States.

10 “(b) DESCRIPTION.—An organization is described in
 11 this subsection if—

12 “(1) the organization is a partnership, associa-
 13 tion, corporation, organization, or any other com-
 14 bination of individuals described in paragraphs (3)
 15 through (6) of section 501(c) of the Internal Rev-
 16 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under
 17 such Code;

18 “(2) the organization receives income, money,
 19 or any other thing of value from a foreign principal
 20 of a foreign country of concern; and

21 “(3) the organization is not otherwise consid-
 22 ered an agent of a foreign principal under section 1.

23 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

24 “(1) The term ‘foreign country of concern’
 25 means—

1 “(A) the People’s Republic of China;

2 “(B) the Democratic People’s Republic of
3 Korea;

4 “(C) the Russian Federation;

5 “(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

6 “(E) the Republic of Cuba;

7 “(F) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

8 or

9 “(G) any other country determined to be a
10 foreign country of concern by the Secretary of
11 State.

12 “(2) The term ‘foreign principal of a foreign
13 country of concern’ includes—

14 “(A) the government of a foreign country
15 of concern;

16 “(B) a political party of a foreign country
17 of concern;

18 “(C) a national of a foreign country of
19 concern;

20 “(D) a partnership, association, corpora-
21 tion, organization or other combination of per-
22 sons organized under the laws of, or having its
23 principal place of business in, a foreign country
24 of concern; or

1 “(E) a partnership, association, corpora-
2 tion, organization or other combination of per-
3 sons organized under the laws of, or having its
4 principal place of business in, a foreign country
5 other than a foreign country of concern that re-
6 ceives more than half of its funding from an en-
7 tity described in subparagraphs (A) through
8 (D).

9 “(3) The term ‘government of a foreign country
10 of concern’ includes—

11 “(A) any person or group of persons exer-
12 cising sovereign de facto or de jure political ju-
13 risdiction over a foreign country of concern, or
14 over any part of such country, and includes any
15 subdivision of any such group and any group or
16 agency to which such sovereign de facto or de
17 jure authority or functions are directly or indi-
18 rectly delegated; and

19 “(B) any faction or body of insurgents
20 within a foreign country of concern, or a faction
21 or body of insurgents recognized by a foreign
22 country of concern, that are in another country
23 assuming to exercise governmental authority
24 whether such faction or body of insurgents has

1 or has not been recognized by the United
2 States.

3 “(4) The term ‘political party of a foreign coun-
4 try of concern’ includes any organization or any
5 other combination of individuals in a foreign country
6 of concern, or any unit or branch thereof, having for
7 an aim or purpose, or which is engaged in any activ-
8 ity devoted in whole or in part to, the establishment,
9 administration, control, or acquisition of administra-
10 tion or control of the government of a foreign coun-
11 try of concern or subdivision thereof, or the further-
12 ance or influencing of the political or public inter-
13 ests, policies, or relations of a government of foreign
14 country of concern or a subdivision thereof.”.

15 (b) MODIFICATION OF CONTENTS OF REPORTS.—
16 Section 2(a) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
17 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (4)—

19 (A) by striking “Copies” and inserting
20 “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
21 copies”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(B) In the case of an organization described in
24 section 12(b), a statement that the registrant is an
25 agent of a foreign principal pursuant to section

1 12(a)(1), copies of each written agreement, and the
 2 terms and conditions of each oral agreement, includ-
 3 ing all modifications of such agreements, or, where
 4 no contract exists, a full statement of the existing
 5 and proposed activity or activities engaged in or to
 6 be engaged in by the registrant as a direct or indi-
 7 rect result of receiving income, money, or any other
 8 thing of value from a foreign principal of a foreign
 9 country of concern (as defined in section 12(c)(2)),
 10 including a detailed statement of any such activity
 11 which is a political activity.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (9)—

13 (A) by striking “Copies” and inserting
 14 “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
 15 copies”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(B) In the case of an organization described in
 18 section 12(b), a statement that the registrant is an
 19 agent of a foreign principal pursuant to section
 20 12(a)(1), copies of each written agreement and the
 21 terms and conditions of each oral agreement, includ-
 22 ing all modifications of such agreements, or, where
 23 no contract exists, a full statement of the existing
 24 and proposed activity or activities engaged in or to
 25 be engaged in by the registrant as a direct or indi-

1 rect result of receiving income, money, or any other
2 thing of value from a foreign principal of a foreign
3 country of concern (as defined in section 12(a)(1))
4 or for any person other than a foreign principal any
5 activities which require his registration hereunder.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act.

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