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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BANKS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

To prohibit the provision of United States financial assistance to any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered foreign principal.

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 “No Funding for For-  
5       eign Agents Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) AGENT OF A COVERED FOREIGN PRIN-  
9       CIPAL.—The term “agent of a covered foreign prin-  
10      cipal” means—

1           (A) any person who acts as an agent, rep-  
2           resentative, employee, or servant, or in any  
3           other capacity at the order, request, or under  
4           the direction or control, of a covered foreign  
5           principal or of a person any of whose activities  
6           are directly or indirectly supervised, directed,  
7           controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or  
8           in major part by a covered foreign principal,  
9           whether or not that person represents the inter-  
10          ests of such foreign principal before any agency  
11          or official of the Government of the United  
12          States or engages in any official activity within  
13          the United States;

14          (B) any duly accredited diplomatic or con-  
15          sular officer of the government of a covered na-  
16          tion who is so recognized by the Department of  
17          State;

18          (C) any official of the government of a cov-  
19          ered nation whose duties are known by the De-  
20          partment of State;

21          (D) any member of the staff of, or any  
22          person employed by, a duly accredited diplo-  
23          matic or consular officer of the government of  
24          a covered nation who is so recognized by the  
25          Department of State;

1           (E) any agent of a covered foreign prin-  
2           cipal who engages in lobbying activities and has  
3           registered or would be required to register  
4           under section 4 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act  
5           of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603); and

6           (F) any person who has provided notice to  
7           the Attorney General as an agent of a foreign  
8           government or would be required to provide  
9           such notice under section 951 of title 18,  
10          United States Code.

11          (2) CONTROLLED.—The term “controlled” has  
12          the meaning given the term “control” in section  
13          80.208 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, pro-  
14          vided that any officer, executive, proprietor, director,  
15          partner, senior manager, or combination of agents  
16          who together own a majority or a dominant minority  
17          of the total outstanding voting interest, of an entity  
18          shall be understood to control it for purposes of this  
19          Act.

20          (3) COVERED FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—The term  
21          “covered foreign principal” means—

22                (A) the government of a covered nation  
23                and any political party in a covered nation;

24                (B) a person in a covered nation, unless  
25                such person—

1 (i)(I) is an individual citizen of, and  
2 domiciled within, the United States; and

3 (II) is not an agent of a covered for-  
4 eign principal; or

5 (ii)(I) is not an individual;

6 (II) is organized under, or created by,  
7 the laws of the United States or of any  
8 State or other place subject to the jurisdic-  
9 tion of the United States;

10 (III) has its principal place of busi-  
11 ness within the United States; and

12 (IV) is not controlled by an agent of  
13 a covered foreign principal;

14 (C) a partnership, association, corporation,  
15 organization, or other combination of persons  
16 organized under the laws of, or having its prin-  
17 cipal place of business in, a covered nation; or

18 (D) any organization named in section  
19 1003 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 (22  
20 U.S.C. 5202).

21 (4) COVERED NATION.—The term “covered na-  
22 tion” means the Democratic People’s Republic of  
23 Korea, the People’s Republic of China, the Russian  
24 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic  
25 Emirate of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Myanmar

1 (formerly known as “Burma”), Chad, Republic of  
2 the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Laos,  
3 Libya, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South  
4 Sudan, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen.

5 (5) DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term  
6 “direct financial assistance” means financial assist-  
7 ance from the Government of the United States that  
8 is received by an entity selected by the Government  
9 or a pass-through entity, including any contract,  
10 grant, loan, cooperative agreement, or other agree-  
11 ment.

12 (6) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means any  
13 partnership, association, corporation, organization,  
14 or other combination of individuals.

15 (7) INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The  
16 term “indirect financial assistance” means financial  
17 assistance from the Government of the United  
18 States that is received by a service provider which  
19 is paid by means of a voucher, certificate, or other  
20 means of Government-funded payment provided to a  
21 beneficiary who is able to choose a service provider.

22 (8) PASS-THROUGH ENTITY.—The term “pass-  
23 through entity” means any entity, including a non-  
24 profit or nongovernmental organization, acting  
25 under a contract, grant, loan, cooperative agree-

1       ment, or other agreement with the Government of  
 2       the United States or with a State or local govern-  
 3       ment in the United States that—

4               (A) accepts direct financial assistance as a  
 5       primary recipient or grantee; and

6               (B) distributes such assistance to other or-  
 7       ganizations that provide services.

8               (9) PERSON.—The term “person” means any  
 9       individual, partnership, association, corporation, or-  
 10      ganization, or other combination of individuals.

11 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON UNITED STATES FINANCIAL AS-**  
 12 **SISTANCE.**

13       Any entity that is controlled by an agent of a covered  
 14      foreign principal is ineligible to receive direct financial as-  
 15      sistance or indirect financial assistance.

16 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

17       Nothing in this Act may be construed to terminate—

18               (1) United States financial assistance to entities  
 19       that are not controlled by an agent of a covered for-  
 20       eign principal; or

21               (2) any foreign assistance (as defined in section  
 22       634(b)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962 (22  
 23       U.S.C. 2394(b)(1))).

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