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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. GAETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “No Taxpayer Funding  
5 for the Chinese Communist Party Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) United States taxpayer-funded research  
2           should not be used to benefit the People’s Republic  
3           of China, especially as China undertakes the largest  
4           theft of intellectual property in history, as was stat-  
5           ed by Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.

6           (2) According to a Congressional Report, the  
7           Chinese Communist Party’s intellectual property  
8           theft costs the United States, and ultimately the  
9           American taxpayer, \$225,000,000,000 to  
10          \$600,000,000,000 worth of intellectual property  
11          every year.

12          (3) According to the Committee on Homeland  
13          Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate,  
14          there were more than 35,000 foreign nationals in-  
15          cluding 10,000 from China conducting research in  
16          the Department of Energy’s National Labs.

17          (4) According to the Department of Education  
18          “one university received research funding from a  
19          Chinese multinational conglomerate to develop new  
20          algorithms and advanced biometric security tech-  
21          niques for crowd surveillance capabilities,” while an-  
22          other “had multiple contracts with the Central Com-  
23          mittee of the Communist Party of China”.

24          (5) The Committee on Homeland Security and  
25          Governmental Affairs of the Senate found in a No-

1 vember 2019 report that “American taxpayer funded  
2 research has contributed to China’s global rise over  
3 the last 20 years”.

4 (6) The Federal Bureau of Investigation has  
5 found that China’s government has used some stu-  
6 dents and professors in science, technology, engi-  
7 neering, and math (STEM) fields as nontraditional  
8 collectors of intellectual property, but has also noted  
9 that “the vast majority of the 1.4 million inter-  
10 national scholars on U.S. campuses pose no threat  
11 to their host institutions, fellow classmates, or re-  
12 search fields. On the contrary, these international  
13 visitors represent valuable contributors to their cam-  
14 puses’ achievements, providing financial benefits, di-  
15 versity of ideas, sought expertise, and opportunities  
16 for cross-cultural exchange”.

17 (7) In 2021, the Department of Justice an-  
18 nounced that four Chinese nationals were charged  
19 with an operation to hack into the computers of doz-  
20 ens of companies, universities and government agen-  
21 cies in the United States and other countries be-  
22 tween 2011 and 2018.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON CHINA BENEFITTING FROM UNITED**  
2 **STATES TAXPAYER-FUNDED RESEARCH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
4 date of enactment of the Act, the Attorney General, in  
5 consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Sec-  
6 retary of Commerce, the Secretary of State, and the Direc-  
7 tor of National Intelligence, shall submit to the Committee  
8 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the  
9 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report on the  
10 extent to which China has benefitted from United States  
11 taxpayer-funded research.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)  
13 shall include the following:

14 (1) The extent to which United States tax-  
15 payer-funded research has benefitted China, includ-  
16 ing a list of United States Government-funded enti-  
17 ties, such as research institutions, laboratories, and  
18 institutions of higher education, which have hired  
19 Chinese nationals or allowed Chinese nationals to  
20 conduct research, including an estimate in the num-  
21 ber of nationals hired or involved in research  
22 projects.

23 (2) A list of United States Government pro-  
24 grams, grants, and other forms of research funding  
25 in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and  
26 math (STEM) fields that have directly or indirectly

1       cooperated or affiliated with research institutions in  
2       China or Chinese Communist Party entities.

3           (3) The extent to which China’s funding of  
4       United States taxpayer-funded research institutions  
5       has benefitted China.

6           (4) How the Government of China and the Chi-  
7       nese Communist Party have used United States tax-  
8       payer-funded research, including as part of China’s  
9       efforts to support “civil-military fusion” and human  
10      rights abuses.

11      (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “United  
12     States taxpayer-funded research” means research—

13           (1) funded by a grant from the Federal Govern-  
14      ment or a State government; or

15           (2) conducted at an institution that receives  
16      funding from the Federal Government or a State  
17      government.

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