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To prohibit the availability of Federal education funds for elementary and secondary schools that receive direct or indirect support from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HERN (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. VAN DUYNÉ, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. CLINE, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. OGLES, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. DUNN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Responsible
3 Oversight to Eliminate Communist Teachings for Our
4 Kids Act” or the “PROTECT Our Kids Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, no funds may be made available under an ap-
8 plicable program to any elementary school or secondary
9 school that—

10 (1) has a partnership in effect with a cultural
11 or language institute directly or indirectly funded by
12 the Government of the People’s Republic of China,
13 including a Confucius Institute;

14 (2) operates a learning center directly or indi-
15 rectly supported by the Government of the People’s
16 Republic of China (commonly referred to as a “Con-
17 fucius Classroom”); or

18 (3) otherwise receives support from an indi-
19 vidual or entity acting directly or indirectly on behalf
20 of the Government of the People’s Republic of
21 China, including support in the form of teaching ma-
22 terials, personnel, funds, or other resources.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under sub-
24 section (a) shall take effect on the date that is one year
25 after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 (c) NOTICE TO AFFECTED SCHOOLS.—Not later than
2 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Education shall provide notice to elementary and
4 secondary schools of the requirements of this Act together
5 with guidance for achieving compliance with such require-
6 ments.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) APPLICABLE PROGRAM.—The term “appli-
9 cable program” has the meaning given that term in
10 section 400(c)(1) of the General Education Provi-
11 sions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)(1)).

12 (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
13 school” and “secondary school” have the meanings
14 given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary
15 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 7801).

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