

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7686

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself and Ms. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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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. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN**  
4 **COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOR-**  
5 **EIGN TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

6 Section 10638 of title VI of division B of the Re-  
7 search and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act  
8 is amended—

1           (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign  
2 country” each place such term appears;

3           (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows  
4 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-  
5 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

6           (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

7           (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as  
8 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and  
9 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two  
10 ems to the left;

11          (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
12 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”  
13 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-  
14 vided”; and

15          (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by  
16 striking “; and” and inserting a period.

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