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S. 2716

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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experimentation in the laboratories of adversarial nations.

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 “Accountability in For-
5 eign Animal Research Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING RESEARCH ON ANIMALS**

7 **IN CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services may not—

1 (1) directly or indirectly conduct research that
2 involves testing on vertebrate animals in any facility,
3 or through any entity, owned or controlled, directly
4 or indirectly, by—

5 (A) any of the foreign countries specified
6 in subsection (b); or

7 (B) such other foreign country that the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services, in
9 consultation with the Secretary of State and the
10 Secretary of Defense, determines is a foreign
11 country of concern for the purposes of this Act;
12 or

13 (2) support, through grants, subgrants, con-
14 tracts, cooperative agreements, or other funding ve-
15 hicles, research that involves testing on vertebrate
16 animals conducted by any entity based in a foreign
17 country referred to in paragraph (1).

18 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRIES SPECIFIED.—The foreign
19 countries specified in this subsection are the following:

20 (1) The People’s Republic of China, including
21 the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

22 (2) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

23 (3) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

24 (4) The Russian Federation.

1 (c) REPORT ON ADDITION TO LIST OF FOREIGN
2 COUNTRIES.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall submit to the chairperson and
5 ranking member of each of the appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress a report with respect to each in-
7 stance in which the Secretary makes a determination
8 with respect to a country under subsection (a)(1)(B)
9 that contains a detailed accounting of the Sec-
10 retary’s reasoning for such determination.

11 (2) TIMING.—A report shall be submitted under
12 paragraph (1) not later than 60 days after the date
13 of an instance described in such paragraph.

14 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
15 GRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
16 mittees of Congress” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
20 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
22 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

23 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
24 the House of Representatives;

1 (E) the Committee on Energy and Com-
2 merce of the House of Representatives; and

3 (F) the Committee on Homeland Security
4 of the House of Representatives.

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