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# S. 4313

To prohibit the use of the digital currency payment system operated by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2022

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Defending Americans  
5 from Authoritarian Digital Currencies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON APPS SUPPORTING E-CNY FINAN-**  
7 **CIAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) APP.—The term “app” means a software  
2 application or electronic service that may be run or  
3 directed by a user on a computer, a mobile device,  
4 or any other general purpose computing device.

5           (2) APP STORE.—The term “app store” means  
6 a publicly available website, software application, or  
7 other electronic service that distributes applications  
8 from third-party developers to users of a computer,  
9 a mobile device, or any other general purpose com-  
10 puting device.

11           (3) COVERED COMPANY.—The term “covered  
12 company” means any person that owns or controls  
13 an app store in the United States.

14           (4) E-CNY.—The term “e-CNY” means the of-  
15 ficial Digital Currency Electronic Payment system  
16 operated by the Government of the People’s Repub-  
17 lic of China.

18           (b) PROHIBITION.—A covered company shall not—

19           (1) support or enable transactions in e-CNY on  
20 its app store within the United States; or

21           (2) carry or support any app in its app store  
22 within the United States that supports or enables  
23 transactions in e-CNY.

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