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To prohibit the receipt of Federal funds by individuals or entities conducting business with social media companies associated with countries of concern, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2023

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

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 Funds for Enablers
5 of Adversarial Propaganda Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS**
2 **FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH**
3 **SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES ASSOCIATED**
4 **WITH COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—On or after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, no individual or entity may receive Fed-
7 eral funds if that individual or entity has in place any
8 agreement, partnership, or advertising relationship with a
9 social media company domiciled in, headquartered in, or-
10 ganized under the laws of, or whose principal place of busi-
11 ness is located in a country of concern.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
14 try of concern” means the People’s Republic of
15 China (including the Special Administrative Regions
16 of China, including Hong Kong and Macau), Russia,
17 Iran, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela.

18 (2) ENTITY.—The term “entity” includes a
19 governmental entity.

20 (3) SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY.—The term “social
21 media company”—

22 (A) means any entity that operates, di-
23 rectly or indirectly, including through its parent
24 company, subsidiaries, or affiliates, a website,
25 desktop application, or mobile application
26 that—

1 (i) permits an individual or entity to
2 create an account or profile for the pur-
3 pose of generating, sharing, and viewing
4 user-generated content through such ac-
5 count or profile;

6 (ii) sells digital advertising space;

7 (iii) has more than 1,000,000 monthly
8 active users for a majority of months dur-
9 ing the preceding 12 months;

10 (iv) enables one or more users to gen-
11 erate content that can be viewed by other
12 users of the website, desktop application,
13 or mobile application; and

14 (v) enables users to view content gen-
15 erated by other users of the website, desk-
16 top application, or mobile application; and

17 (B) does not include an entity if the entity
18 does not operate a website, desktop application,
19 or mobile application except for a website, desk-
20 top application, or mobile application the pri-
21 mary purpose of which is—

22 (i) to allow users to post product re-
23 views, business reviews, or travel informa-
24 tion and reviews; or

1 (ii) to provide emergency alert serv-
2 ices.

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